



# Seeds of Recovery

*SJC Students Bring Hope to Joplin, Missouri*





## Picture Perfect

SJC Brooklyn Campus students were all smiles at the College's 93rd commencement ceremony, held on May 20 at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge. Addressing the grads was Suzanne Nossel, executive director of Amnesty International.

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The house number and floorboards are all that remain of this home in the southwest part of Joplin, Mo., after an EF5 tornado devastated the community on May 22, 2011. SJC students from both campuses visited the area in April to help lend a hand as the city continues to recover.





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“*SJCNY* is our College magazine’s next step; it’s our latest tool to help our community stay on track, with frequent updates for students and alumni about happenings on and off campus.”

‘Paper or Pixels? You Decide.’ What does this question, introduced in our spring 2012 issue, mean to the many readers of *St. Joseph’s College Magazine*? Are we asking you to choose one medium over the other? Will you stop receiving printed materials? If you are not active online, will SJC news be less frequent and more difficult to find?

The answer, quite simply, is none of the above.

As of fall 2012, our readers now have the opportunity to see more, read more, watch more and hear more with the launch of *SJCNY*, St. Joseph’s College’s new digital magazine. Our printed magazine will continue to arrive on your doorstep as well; the masthead may be new, but the award-winning stories will still be there, along with plenty of new ways to connect with the College.

Imagine listening to an audio clip of a great interview with one of our faculty members, watching a video produced along with one of our feature stories, or perhaps just viewing a slide show of the Spring Alumni Reunion — possibilities that would otherwise be unavailable in the print version of the College magazine.

Now, through *SJCNY*, an all-access pass to SJC media is available on your desktop, laptop, smartphone or tablet,

conveniently presented in responsive design to provide a full and unique browsing experience no matter what kind of digital device you use.

For the past 25 years, I have witnessed the printing industry evolve quickly into the print and digital industry. At times the changes have been challenging and unnerving, yet they were always exciting.

At SJC, the Office of Print and Digital Communications is constantly seeking new ways to communicate more effectively and creatively. *SJCNY* is our College magazine’s next step; it’s our latest tool to help our community stay on track with frequent updates for students and alumni about happenings on and off campus, highlights of members of the SJC family and as much as we can fit in between — all facilitated by our talented staff of designers and writers.

Through the years, our College publications have won more than 40 Communicator Awards, MarCom Awards and Hermes Awards for creative design and excellence in writing, and I am certain that with this newest expansion our accolades will continue to grow.

I hope you’ll share my enthusiasm for this exciting new venture. Visit the digital magazine today at [magazine.sjcny.edu](http://magazine.sjcny.edu) and see what all the fuss is about. ■



# St. Joseph's Celebrates 93rd Commencement

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**I**ntegrity and social responsibility. Intellectual values and service. Dedication and determination. These words resonated throughout the College's 93rd commencement exercises held this spring.

Whichever word you choose to use, the message was the same. Thought-provoking questions were posed to the 1,407 members of the Class of 2012: What are you made of? How will you use the gifts you've been given? What choices will you make? What's important to you and will you act upon it? The challenge was given of forging a founda-

tion reflecting the College's core values.

Addressing the Brooklyn graduates was Suzanne Nossel, executive director of Amnesty International, while Theresa A. Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, spoke to the graduates of the Long Island Campus. Both received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees. Also addressing the L.I. graduates was Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.). The Brooklyn ceremony was held May 20 at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge. Long Island graduates gathered at the Nassau Veterans Memorial

Coliseum in Uniondale on May 29.

Valedictory honors were awarded to Coast Guard Ensign Corinne Powers (Brooklyn School of Professional and Graduate Studies), Teresa Bosque (Brooklyn School of Arts and Sciences), Air Force Tech. Sgt. Megan Stanton (L.I. School of Professional and Graduate Studies) and Jillian Kearney (L.I. School of Arts and Sciences).

Ensign Powers quite nicely summed it all up: "Reach for the dreams that seem impossible — remember in the word impossible is the phrase: 'I (a)m possible.'" ■

For more photos from the Brooklyn and Long Island commencement exercises, visit [magazine.sjcny.edu](http://magazine.sjcny.edu).



## Authors Unlimited's Encore



St. Joseph's Long Island Campus, in conjunction with the public libraries of Suffolk County, hosted its second annual Authors Unlimited event, ushering hundreds of young readers and an impressive lineup of award-winning novelists to the Danzi Athletic Center on April 28.

Among the best-selling writers in attendance were Sarah Beth Durst, author of *Ice* and *Into the Wild*; Adele Griffin, author of the National Book Award finalist *Tighter*; Jenny

Han, author of the *New York Times* best-selling trilogy *The Summer I Turned Pretty*; Lauren Oliver, a *New York Times* best-selling author (*Before I Fall*, *Pandemonium*); and Dave Roman, co-author of two *New York Times* best-selling graphic novels, *X-Men: Misfits* and *The Last Airbender: Zuko's Story*.

Free and open to the public, the event included a book sale, panel discussion, individual breakout sessions and book signings. ■

## The Lineup of Authors Unlimited 2012

- Coe Booth
- Michael D. Beil
- Sarah Beth Durst
- Madeleine George
- Christopher Grant
- Lisa Greenwald
- Adele Griffin
- Jenny Han
- Marthe Jocelyn
- Janet Lee
- Daniel Nayeri
- George O'Connor
- Lauren Oliver
- Dave Roman

## 2012 SJC Golf Classic



After weathering an early morning storm, golfers enjoyed 18 holes at the Plandome Country Club during the annual SJC Golf Classic on June 4. President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., joined Long Island Athletic Director Don Lizak, Brooklyn Athletic Director Frank Carbone and honoree Jeff Warne in congratulating Outstanding Student-Athlete Award winners Kristen McMaster '12, Alyson Chiamonte '12, Michelle Gulino '12 and Chris Jimenez '12.



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## A New Nest for the Golden Eagles

St. Joseph's College President S. Elizabeth E. Hill, C.S.J., S.J.D., cut the ribbon at the recently completed Long Island athletic complex on May 11, 2012. The new 24.8-acre outdoor sports facility will complement the Long Island Campus' existing indoor athletic facility, the John A. Danzi Athletic Center, which opened in 1997.

"St. Joseph's College is both delighted and grateful to have this wonderful new facility that will make a big difference in the development of our athletic programs and enhance the overall experience of all our students," S. Elizabeth said.

"I want to thank the many people who have helped make this dream a reality, especially John Danzi for his very generous support, and our many other donors and loyal friends. I am confident our student-athletes will make us all proud as they compete on these beautiful fields."

The athletic complex will be used to showcase the talents of Suffolk County athletes and support a wide array of intercollegiate athletic programs at St. Joseph's. This state-of-the-art outdoor facility features a 400-meter all-weather track with a synthetic multipurpose infield; baseball and softball fields with dugouts; tennis courts; a combined soccer/lacrosse field, 1,500-seat capacity bleachers with a press box and scoreboard; and a facilities building with restrooms, lockers, offices, storage and a concession stand.

"The opening of this new complex is a major step forward for the entire athletic program," said Don Lizak, director of athletics for the Long Island Campus. "This is a

top-quality facility. St. Joseph's College can now go toe to toe with any Division III institution in our area. These facilities will have a major impact on our recruiting, and will enhance our ability to provide quality recreation and intramural programs to the St. Joseph's College community.

"Our student-athletes and coaches are forever grateful to John Danzi, and the St. Joseph's College administration for their commitment to our programs."

The College purchased the parcel of property in 2008, and began construction on the \$14 million project in 2010. The athletic complex is located about one mile east of the Long Island Campus, on south side of Sunrise Highway between Phyllis Drive and Hewlett Avenue in the hamlet of East Patchogue.

### Brooklyn Gym Update

In Clinton Hill, construction of the new Brooklyn gym began on May 21, 2012; the College held a ground-breaking ceremony on August 30. The 43,623-square-foot facility will feature a 270-seat NCAA-regulation basketball and volleyball court, a fully equipped fitness center, locker rooms, an athletic training room and a multipurpose room.

The Brooklyn Bears' new home on Vanderbilt Avenue is slated for completion during the 2013-2014 school year. For information on how to contribute to the Brooklyn gym, contact Clare Kehoe at 718.940.5579 or [ckehoe@sjcnny.edu](mailto:ckehoe@sjcnny.edu), or visit [giving.sjcnny.edu](http://giving.sjcnny.edu). ■



S. Elizabeth cuts the ribbon at the new Long Island athletic complex. She is joined by Trustee John Danzi and his wife, Deborah; Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko; Scott Martella, Suffolk County representative for the Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo; U.S. Rep. Tim Bishop; Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri; Brookhaven Town Councilman Tim Mazzei; Board of Trustees Chair W. Christian Drewes; SGA President Kimberly Essig '13; and state Sen. Lee Zeldin.



For a sneak peek at the new athletic complex, visit [magazine.sjcnny.edu](http://magazine.sjcnny.edu).



## Esse Non Videri Non-Violence Award



S. Mary Beth Moore accepts the 2012 *Esse Non Videri* Non-Violence Award from Director of Campus Ministry Patrick Tracy, and Paul Ginnetty, Ph.D., director of the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life.

In April 2012, the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life at St. Joseph's College presented the *Esse Non Videri* Non-Violence Award to S. Mary Beth Moore, S.C., co-director of the Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives.

S. Mary Beth has been advocating for peace within vulnerable populations for more than 40 years. From 2003-2008, she served as coordinator of Pax Christi Long Island, where she remains an active member within its local chapter council. She is a former pastoral agent for St. Barnabas the

Apostle Church in Bellmore, N.Y., and served in the same capacity in South America for 10 years. She also held an administrative post within her congregation, the Sisters of Charity. S. Mary Beth holds an M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling from New York University.

Past recipients of the award include Nobel Peace Prize nominee the Rev. John Dear, women's rights activist Homaira Mamoor, award-winning journalist Antoinette Bosco, peace activist S. Mary Fritz, Woodrow Wilson Fellow Janet Wallach and *Dead Man Walking* author S. Helen Prejean. ■

## BREAKING NEWS: Journalism and New Media Studies Degree Now Offered at SJC Brooklyn Campus

This is an exciting time for journalism. Reporting and writing are no longer confined to the printed page. Any fledgling press agent with an Internet connection can write tomorrow's leading headline, and social media is playing a more prominent role than ever.

As the old paradigm is passing on, St. Joseph's College is staying ahead of the curve with the newest degree offering at its Brooklyn Campus: the B.A. in Journalism and New Media Studies.

In contrast to a traditional journalism curriculum, St. Joseph's B.A. program prepares students for a career in the ever-changing spectrum by exposing them to the latest technological trends in media, while having them learn their craft in a media-immersed landscape.

To further augment the new degree, the College has partnered with several leading media outlets, including online, television, print and radio.

To provide students with firsthand experience in the field and contribute to public discourse, students majoring in journalism and new media studies will have the opportunity to learn their craft alongside some of New York City's most dynamic news personalities following completion of their sophomore year.

For the full scoop on SJC's newest degree, visit [www.sjcny.edu](http://www.sjcny.edu). ■





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## Gerontology and Global Aging in Modern India

by Carolyn M. Gallogly, Ph.D.



(Left) Dr. Carolyn Gallogly, left, with nutritionist Robyn Flipse at the International Conference on Emerging Possibilities in Gerontology in Bangalore, India. (Right) The Indian family Dr. Gallogly met near Alleppey.



This is about a trip to a nation that is rapidly catching up to, and likely surpassing, China as the most populous on Earth. Although most of us are familiar with *Slumdog Millionaire* images of India, my trip took me to southern India: Bangalore, Mysore, Coorg and Kerala. Southern India is quite different in culture and color from northern India. It is the “Green” India, the India of spices, palm trees, elephants and great tolerance for many religions.

I was invited to make presentations about global aging and gerontology to nurses in Bangalore and Kerala, at three different hospitals as part of a visiting panel of gerontologists. My hosts, Roshan and Soumya, were trying to start a training program for nurses about gerontology. Our job as the visiting panel was to get the nurses inspired by the opportunities in this field.

So I was prepared for this venture into the field of international aging, something I have always wanted to explore. Having taught gerontology — the study of aging — for more years than I care to admit and, more recently, global health, it has been my dream to become more involved internationally. However, while my skills don’t lend themselves to most Third World needs, this trip to India to help develop educational programs in gerontology was something for which I was prepared.

The overwhelming first impression anyone would have who first comes to India — and perhaps even more so, Bangalore — is the energy and determination of the driving experience. From pedestrians and bicyclists to motorbike operators to the three-wheeled motorized cabs to regular automobiles, trucks and buses, driving is a statement. Horns are the language.

My fellow panel members were a nutritionist and a long-term care gerontologist, both from New Jersey, and a psychologist from Swansea University in Wales. The four of us joined local nursing experts to present information on aging at three hospitals in southern India, addressing more than 1,000 nursing students. Although those were long days, the opportunity to speak to such an eager, interested student population was clearly the high point of the visit. I had gone full circle from my early years in the ’80s at St. Joseph’s, teaching the Indian nurses who populated many of my classes, to this moment of actually being in this amazing nation and speaking to their nieces and nephews “back home.”

Best of all, I had a few moments one morning in the backwaters area of Kerala, near the town of Alleppey, to take a short walk along the edge of the water to meet a family actually living the subject of my lecture. I was welcomed by an Indian elder: a man whose life is intimately bound up with his grandsons, who are his caregivers when his son and daughter are at work. He spoke to us warmly and invited us into his home to glimpse something of his three-generation household, something that is becoming somewhat rare in Kerala these days. These experiences are why we follow gerontology and aging, and yet even in India, the days of the three-generation family are waning. As the “Silver Tsunami” — that vast population of aging baby boomers — approaches, it is important to keep this positive image in mind while we struggle to find answers for the challenges of global aging. ■

*Dr. Gallogly is an associate professor for the School of Professional and Graduate Studies on the Long Island Campus.*



## News and Notes

### Biology

**Michael J. Hanophy, Ph.D.**, and **Valerie Giordano, Ph.D.**, presented a paper, "Creating a Dynamic Laboratory Atlas with Social Bookmarking," at the 19th annual American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Educators (ASMCUE). Dr. Hanophy also gave a presentation, "Alexander Fleming and the Beginnings of Biofilm Research," at the 29th annual meeting of North Eastern Microbiologists for Physiology, Ecology and Taxonomy (NEMPET).

### Business Administration and Accounting

**Charles Pendola, J.D., C.P.A., M.P.S.**, contributed an article, "Should Health Care in the United States be Considered a Public Utility?" to the spring 2012 issue of the Healthcare Financial Management Association's *Newscast*.

### Child Study

In May 2012, **Katherine L. Granelli, Ed.D.**, presented "Discovering the Hidden Reading and Language Capabilities of Children with Autistic Disorder," her work on autism and language as it relates to reading ability, at the YAI Network's 33rd Annual International Conference in New York City.

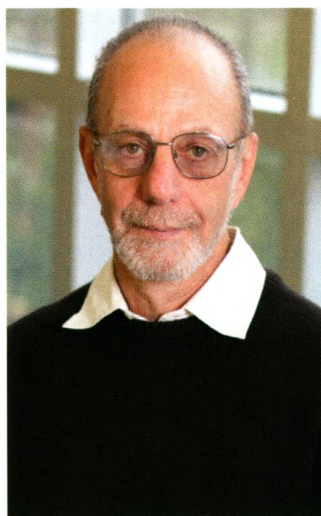
In June, **Edgar Daniels, M.S., NBCT, M.A.L.S.**, presented at the 2012 New York State Council for Exceptional Children Student Leadership Conference, held at Dowling College in Oakdale, N.Y. His presentation was titled "Five Basic Questions About Cooperative Learning."

### History

During the summer of 2012, **Phillip Dehne, Ph.D.**, presented "Economic warfare as the basis of peace: The development of Lord Robert Cecil's ideas" at the Narratives of Peace Conference, University of Sheffield, England; and "Breaking out of the Majestic: Lord Robert Cecil's cosmopolitan social life during the Paris Peace Conference 1919" at the Britain and the World Conference, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He also spent some time doing related research at Churchill Archives Center at the University of Cambridge.

### Management

**Diane Pfadenhauer, J.D., S.P.H.R.**, presented at several conferences in 2012, including the New York Biotechnology Association's 21st annual meeting, the 2012 New York State Society of Human Resource Management's annual conference and the New York State Society of CPAs' annual nonprofit conference. Her latest book, a guide to wage and hour law, was published this summer.



### Mathematics and Computer Science

**David Seppala-Holtzman, Ph.D.**, presented his paper "An Optimal Basketball Free Throw" at the annual conference of the Mathematical Association of America, Metro New York Section in May 2012. The paper is due to be published in the November 2012 issue of the *College Mathematics Journal*. Four

of Dr. Seppala-Holtzman's senior math students — Teresa Napoli, Elizabeth Fiorella, Alison Nunziata and Megan Dever — joined him at the conference and presented their research from the previous term's senior seminar: a mathematical analysis of the video game "Flood-It!" A fifth student, Paige Cardaci, was unable to attend the conference, but was an active contributor to the research.

### Modern Languages

**María Montoya, Ph.D.**, presented the paper "Beyond the Battlefield: Representations of the Bosnian Conflict in 20th Century Spanish Narrative" at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Rochester, N.Y., in March 2012. Another of Dr. Montoya's papers, "Writing War: Baghdad, Beirut, and Sarajevo in Contemporary Spanish Literature," was published in *CiberLetras*, Lehman College's journal of literary criticism and culture, in May 2012.

### Professional and Graduate Studies

**Reneé Kantro '98, M.B.A.**, has been appointed to the executive board of Friends of the Fire Island National Seashore (FFINS), a not-for-profit organization that promotes proper stewardship of park resources.

### Sociology

**William Bengston, Ph.D.**, presented "Lessons from the Lab" as a special invited lecturer at Duke University in April 2012. Five of his articles have been published in academic journals since summer 2011, and a German edition of his 2010 book, *The Energy Cure*, was published by VAK Verlags GmbH as *Bengston Energy Healing — Heilen aus dem Nichts* in 2011. ■



# HELLO



# BROOKLYN

**TOURÉ, NELSON GEORGE AND THE BROOKLYN VOICES SERIES PLAY TUOHY HALL**

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Brooklyn has quickly become New York's most beloved borough. It has it all: vibrant neighborhoods, historic landmarks, angry hipsters and an ever-expanding collective of the most prolific artists in the country. It's a cultural powerhouse, constantly setting trends and backing it up with panache.

For these reasons and more, St. Joseph's College academic dean Dr. Richard Greenwald set out to start a new visiting lecture series in fall 2011. He wanted to take advantage of what was the most obvious opportunity available — introducing the College to the intellectual celebrities who lived next door.



On November 30 of last year, Brooklyn Voices was born.

Breaking the champagne bottle over the bow was *New York Times* best-selling author Colson Whitehead, schooling SJC students and community members alike, making it known that even a Harvard grad/Cullman Fellow has obstacles to overcome in the County of Kings.

Fast forward to May 2, 2012, and a full house has gathered once again at SJC's Brooklyn's Tuohy Hall auditorium, for the second installment of the Brooklyn Voices series, "A Conversation With Touré and Nelson George."

Fuelled by rapid-fire transitions — from hip-hop to Manhattan nightlife, Obama to Giuliani, from Nelson George's favorite '80s Brooklyn anthems and hot spots to the notable celebrities such as Spike Lee who made Fort Greene a sexy destination for young Touré in the early '90s — the two guest speakers feed us Brooklyn tidbits to digest. And it's this mutual infatuation with the borough that keeps the entire audience salivating for more ... *most* of the audience.

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We're an hour into our night with Touré and Nelson when a voice from the crowd cuts through the onstage exchange.

"Excuse me?" Touré squints through the lights, looking for the audience member whose interruption has stalled the breakneck pace.

"Talk about literature," a woman says, distinctly, now that she's the only Brooklyn voice in the room.

We haven't arrived at literature. Not yet. The event did not guarantee literature as one of its talking points, but with such accomplished authors present it had to be implied.

"OK, let's talk about literature." Touré says.

Before the disruption, Touré and Nelson were discussing the history of

free agency in sports, dating back to St. Louis Cardinal Curt Flood, who hyperbolically was quoted as saying he "felt like a slave" when he was denied the option to leave the ballclub. We

"By bringing these  
leaders and neighbors  
to campus, we can  
expose our students  
to some of today's  
most interesting  
minds. Other schools  
have to fly in these  
speakers,  
all we have to do is  
open our doors and be  
good neighbors. ...  
The series intends to  
celebrate the vibrant  
creative energy that is  
Brooklyn and bridge  
our campus to the  
community to share."

— Richard Greenwald, Ph.D.

arrived at Curt Flood after discussing the current MVP of the NBA, LeBron James, and the popular misconception of greed in his decision to follow his own desires and not the Cleveland Cavaliers'.

LeBron James was brought to the forefront after the once-flourishing New York basketball culture was examined — how street ball courts in Brooklyn and Manhattan bred NBA

all-star after all-star, "especially point guards," Touré points out, before private schools and universities lured young players away from the city. "I went to St. John's," Nelson says. "Basketball was one of the reasons I attended."

The crowd, made up of SJC students, faculty and local community members, listens and applauds, eager to keep up with the tempo. It's still Brooklyn though. If there's something amiss, especially to an audience member, we're going to find out.

So now its literature time.

Toni Morrison, James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison and the inspirational novelists, poets and playwrights that led Touré and Nelson to the page, are touched upon. Nelson praises August Wilson, tells of his groupie-like following of Wilson's productions, while Touré cites John Edgar Wideman, before offhandedly commenting that he (Touré) is retiring from fiction.

"I didn't expect this to be, like, my announcement," he says, when the crowd's objections audibly turn up to *talk-about-literature* levels. Touré clarifies his decision, and his preference for nonfiction, with his own analogy based upon the clichéd vague book recommendation that all of us have heard at one point or another.

"My wife says I have to read this Jennifer Egan novel," Touré says. "I ask her what it's about. 'It's, it's just ... great!' she says. And [with book recommendations] I feel like fiction is the equivalent of I call you up at 11:30 and say, 'Yo, come to my house, we're going to have a really weird party, and you're going to like it.' Nine out of 10 people are going to be like, 'No, I'm in my pajamas, I have work in the morning.' One out of 10 is going to be like, 'Cool, I'll roll with you on that weirdo party.' ... But with nonfiction, I call you at 8 o'clock, a reasonable time, and I'm going to come to your house and talk to you about something that you are interested in. And more people are like, 'Sure, I love that conversation, let's have that conversation.'"



Nelson George, as he's done the whole night, laughs and runs with his own angle on the issue. The two are close friends — Nelson served as best man in Touré's 2005 wedding — and take no issue in sharing the stage.

"That's interesting," Nelson says. "The reason I did the last novel, *The Plot Against Hip Hop*, is I saw that I'd written a lot of nonfiction around hip-hop and I wanted to give us some ideas about hip-hop culture in a different way that was more emotional. I wanted to put that in a character. Some of that turmoil. I really wanted to dramatize in a sense that sense of romance."

After 15 more minutes of Nelson and Touré pass quickly, we're almost two hours into the event.

We're quickly arriving at the conclusion. But first, a Q-and-A session which includes a rapping retired teacher; a call-to-arms for someone from the younger generation to seize the open throne of the first openly gay rapper, supplemented with an invitation for some audience member to write the next epic African-American novel; and a young man in a newly minted Brooklyn Nets track jacket discussing his enlightenment thanks to the genius of Sidney Poitier. And now the lights have kicked on and Nelson and Touré descend the stage, signing books between handshakes and laughs, and, inevitably, generations of Brooklyn collide in an exhilarated clash. ■

*Created in collaboration with Greenlight Bookstore and the Brooklyn Rail, the aim of St. Joseph's College's Brooklyn Voices series is to promote and enhance the creative vitality of the neighborhoods of Fort Greene and Clinton Hill by providing local writers, artists, and intellectuals with a forum in which to discuss and present their works to our neighbors, patrons and students. The series' next speaker, Sapphire, author of the best-selling novel Push, will visit the Brooklyn Campus on November 1, 2012. For more information, visit [www.sjcny.edu](http://www.sjcny.edu).*

Touré's writing regularly appears in publications such as *The New York Times*, *Ebony* and *The New Yorker*. His three previous books are the short story collection *The Portable Promised Land*, the novel *Soul City* and a collection of his journalism, *Never Drank the Kool-Aid*. He is a regular contributor on culture for MSNBC and has hosted two programs on Fuse TV: *The Hip Hop Shop* and *On the Record*.

## A CONVERSATION WITH TOURÉ AND NELSON GEORGE

**On the allure of the Fort Greene, Brooklyn, neighborhood:**

**NG:** "I came here [in 1985]. There were already a lot of creatives around. Branford Marsalis lived a few blocks away. I knew Laurence Fishburne, then Larry Fishburne, lived around here. And I met Spike Lee — I not only lived around the corner from where he grew up, but also where he was living at the time. It was a time when a lot of talented young black artists were moving into the area — Terence Blanchard, a lot of those New Orleans guys moved up here. You'd actually get on the C train at night and see guys with their instruments going to the Vanguard because it was the perfect location to work in the Village and then come back on the subway. The neighborhood was under populated in a great sense, but was lively."

**T:** "The Fort Greene that you [Nelson] grew up in became very romanticized. People were doing articles about how sexy Fort Greene is — this young Chris Rock, Spike Lee — and I was reading those articles thinking 'Wow, this New York Brooklyn thing is really sexy!' My father grew up near the Navy Yard, and my grandma actually had been a nurse in the Navy, so there were actually Naval families here. Fort Greene meant something in the military sense when they moved in ... I remember coming here [in 1992] and Spike was the man, or one of the many men in black culture, and it was a pilgrimage to come to Spike's joint. I definitely wanted to live here as soon as possible. There was an artistic, youthful vibrance about Fort Greene that Park Slope didn't have, SoHo, at the time, didn't have."





### On how the area has changed:

**NG:** "There is obviously a new street life because of the sidewalk cafes, and it's different scenes. What's going on at Walter's has become a huge scene on DeKalb. Madiba's always getting crazy. There's a lot of that culture going on. There were a lot of house parties [in decades past] because there weren't a lot of places to go within the area."

**T:** "There has been a lot of turnover, which we've noticed. Going from a lot of mom and pops and vestigial traditional places to newer, fresher... but there's still an extremely communal outdoors area. I feel a lot of people who may not know me but feel that they know me because they see me out with my kids."

**NG:** "These [Brooklyn apartment] spaces, if you're a young person in your twenties, if you can get the right spot, you got the exposed brick, you got the fireplace. Not one of your friends in Manhattan got that!"

**T:** "The artist community in this neighborhood has been maintained. Just in the last week I ran into Colson Whitehead walking around, Dennis O'Hare [*True Blood*], one of the guys from *Flight of the Conchords*, I ran into Adrian Grenier [*Entourage*] in the park ..."

**NG:** "I think the difference is that the group that I came in with were not stars, they were on their way up. Now you have people here that are moving here because they made it. Wesley Snipes said, 'We were people who were starting to do well who hadn't made it yet, there was this kind of optimism.' A lot of people were up and coming, then a lot of them became household names five years later. Now you have people moving in, a lot of them who are household names."

### On the future of Brooklyn's artist culture:

**NG:** "I grew up in Brownsville, then I lived for four or five strange years in Queens, I've been very happy here. I am curious to see this time a year from now, now that the [Barclays Center] arena's opening, and the [Richard B.] Fisher Building is opening next fall. There's going to be two, three other new cultural establishments all within the area. I'm interested to see how that affects the quality of the Brooklyn experience."

**T:** "We're extremely fortunate to be here, to have Brooklyn Academy of Music, to have Roman's, to have a lot of these themes. We have great restaurants, we have incredible parks, first-rate artistic structures, second-rate basketball ..."

**NG:** "Bedford Avenue on a Friday or Saturday has become East Village, and there's an opportunity for Fulton Street to become Bedford. I think we're going to see profound change in the next year. We're really living through suburban history."

**T:** "You can go anywhere in the world and say you're from Brooklyn, and people are like, 'Whoa.'"

**NG:** "[Laughs] I don't think that was as true in 1975 ... It's going to be interesting, we have all these artists that live in this area, I have yet to see, and I'm sure it's going to come, the books and the movies that are about now. I think this is such a rich time in terms of storytelling. So much is going on in terms of the cultural interplay. The borough has changed so much." ■



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Nelson George, author of the novel *The Plot Against Hip Hop*, is one of the first writers to document hip-hop culture and is the author of several award-winning books on the subject, including *Hip Hop America* and *The Death of Rhythm & Blues*; he also co-authored Russell Simmons' autobiography, *Life and Def*. George directed Queen Latifah in the HBO film *Life Support*, and is an executive producer of VH1's *Hip Hop Honors*.



# *the* **MILITARY** **connection**

*Serving Our Veterans On and Off Campus*

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When my cousin returned to New York from his first tour of duty in Afghanistan, I wasn't quite sure how to go about talking to him. For me, there was a fine line to walk between the 21-year-old I used to babysit and the lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps who had surely seen things in the previous six months that were far beyond my power to comprehend.

Was I supposed to dive right in and ask about his experiences, or leave it alone for fear of touching on a sensitive or painful subject? Was this a hardened veteran, or a kid who had been through something truly terrible? Or both?

In the end, the conversation proceeded smoothly and the war-movie clichés were thankfully absent. But the fact remains that there is a vast disconnect between those who fight and the people they fight for. Cliché or not, their sacrifices are not easily understood by those of us who have never walked in their shoes.

The administration, faculty and students of St. Joseph's College, through a series of initiatives on and off campus, are working to bridge the gap.

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## REACHiNG OUT

For more than 60 years, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 — more commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights — has provided financial support for millions of American military veterans in the form of unemployment insurance, low-cost mortgages and other loans, and access to vocational training and higher education.

In 2008, Congress approved an expansion of these benefits for veterans who served after September 10, 2011. This Post-9/11 GI Bill greatly enhanced the educational component of the original, providing a tuition benefit of up to 100 percent for those who served for at least 36 months, or served at least 30 continuous days before being discharged with a service-connected disability. The bill also provides an annual \$1,000 stipend for books and supplies, as well as a monthly housing allowance.

Since the Post-9/11 GI Bill went into effect in August 2009, St. Joseph's has seen its population of military-connected students (active-duty service members and veterans) jump from fewer than 20 in 2006 to about 160 in 2011-2012.

SJC's special tuition rate for service members is a major contributor to this spike in enrollment, as are the College's small class sizes and flexible schedules that include evening, weekend and online classes. Perhaps the biggest selling point is the presence of full-time military advisers John Keenan and Shannon O'Neill.

Mr. Keenan and Ms. O'Neill work for the School of Professional and Graduate Studies (PGS) on the Brooklyn and Long Island campuses, respectively, but their roles as military liaisons connect them with all aspects of the academic and military communities.

"Our military students are Arts and Sciences students, they're PGS, they're weekend/evening, full-time day ..." Ms. O'Neill explains. "Once they register with us, we guide them all the way through from admission to graduation.

"Whatever additional help they might need, whether it's filling out their applications, getting their transcripts, going through the admissions process ... if they're in the National Guard or reserves and get called up for training and have to miss a few weeks of class, we'll work with their faculty members to try to advocate on the student's behalf."

Even before registration, Mr. Keenan and Ms. O'Neill are constantly reaching out to active-duty military, Guard, reservists and veterans through open houses and visits to local armories, VA hospitals and other organizations.

"Our goal is to let people know what education benefits they are eligible for — benefits that they've earned, that they deserve to have," Ms. O'Neill says, "and also let them know

a little bit about the benefits of coming to St. Joseph's: what makes us special and what makes us different ... that we're a private college that they can go to at an affordable rate."

The Brooklyn Campus also offers classes at Fort Hamilton, an Army garrison near Bay Ridge, Brooklyn; and Fort Wadsworth, a Coast Guard base on Staten Island. As a supplement to on-campus and online classes, these two locations add an extra degree of scheduling flexibility for our active-duty students.

Transitioning to an academic setting from a military one can be difficult, especially when many veteran students carry the added burden of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) or physical disability. Mr. Keenan and Ms. O'Neill work closely with SJC's Office of Career Development, Wellness and Disability Services to ensure that each student's individual needs are met.

As a testament to the efficacy of St. Joseph's military outreach and advisory programs, the 2012 PGS valedictorians for both campuses are also active-duty military students: Coast Guard Ensign Corinne Powers of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Air Force Tech. Sgt. Megan Stanton of Patchogue, N.Y.

Ensign Powers currently serves as a deck watch officer on the cutter *Willow* in Newport, R.I.; she plans to pursue a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in international development from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Tech. Sgt. Stanton, a 2004 graduate of Patchogue-Medford High School, began her executive M.B.A. program at St. Joseph's over the summer. She will be relocating to San Antonio, where she will work in the information technology section of the medical-education training center at Fort Sam Houston.

## SERVICE LEARNiNG

Long Island is home to more than 250,000 veterans, and two major facilities provide them with specialized medical care and rehabilitation services: the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Northport and the Long Island State Veterans Home (LISVH) in Stony Brook. St. Joseph's College enjoys a longstanding relationship with both.


"We've had established affiliation agreements with both of those agencies for a number of years, and we've had students intern periodically at each respective facility," says Gail C. Lamberta, Ph.D., associate academic dean, recreation and leisure studies chair, and SJC's coordinator of experiential learning.

The internships she refers to are in the field of in therapeutic recreation: the provision of treatment and recreation services to persons with illnesses or disabling conditions. Since 2002, approximately two dozen of Dr. Lamberta's

**Opposite: U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Megan Stanton '12 and Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Dash '13 are among the nearly 160 military-connected students who attended St. Joseph's College in 2011-2012.**







students have interned at both facilities, where many current staff members are SJC alumni. They include Lee grace Cannella '90, M.A., CTRS, director of therapeutic recreation at LISVH; and Susan Pisano '98, M.S., CTRS, acting chief of recreation therapy services at Northport VAMC.

"The internship is a growth-oriented reciprocal experience where everyone benefits," Ms. Cannella explains. "The College is provided a training ground for future recreation therapists, and the facility is exposed to newly educated students who possess a fresh approach to clinical care."

"The [VA] medical center benefits from the students as they bring their creativity, motivation and diversity to the veterans with their fresh ideas and specialized strengths," Ms. Pisano agrees. "Students perform various assignments under the direct supervision of a certified recreation therapy special-

"The students also have some knowledge of all the administrative aspects. They need to see budgets, they need to understand how to manage and they need to know what it is to advocate for patients."

In addition to the professional skills these interns acquire, they also gain insight into the unique needs of veterans of all ages.

"At the Long Island State Veterans Home, there is an older population, and the intergenerational connection is wonderful," Dr. Lamberta says. "The veterans like telling their stories and the students like to hear their stories. Both veterans and students bring a lot to the table, and they are able to learn from one another. Although there are various groups with different needs at the VA in Northport, the same connections occur between the students and consumers."

## BLUE STARS AND YELLOW RIBBONS

The synergic relationship that St. Joseph's College shares with Northport VAMC and LISVH is not limited to therapeutic recreation internships, though that program did prove to be the keystone for a more recent Collegewide initiative.

In 2010, Steven Fuchs, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Long Island Campus' history department, was looking for an opportunity to volunteer, but wasn't sure what cause he would support. That changed after a conversation he had with a student in his Contemporary International Issues class. The student, a veteran, had given a presentation about his ongoing struggle with PTSD.

"The class was really blown away by his courage and his own experience," Dr. Fuchs says. "So I spoke to him at length after that class and encouraged him to keep speaking about the topic."

The talk led Dr. Fuchs to explore volunteer opportunities with the Long Island State Veterans Home. "I went to the [LISVH] website," he says, "and I was surprised that they needed more than just health care providers."

Dr. Fuchs quickly recognized the facility's potential as a center for service and experiential learning, which would soon become one of five integrated learning areas in the College's new core curriculum.

"This seemed like a great opportunity to offer an experience across departments," he says. "It wasn't just going to be recreation or nursing; it could be history, business, English..." He began to seek out SJC colleagues and students who were interested, or already involved with, veterans' issues. Dr. Lamberta, with her extensive contacts at LISVH and Northport VAMC, was an obvious collaborator. Before long, more than a dozen staff and faculty members were on board.

The partnership came to be known as Blue Stars and Yellow Ribbons: The St. Joseph's College-Veterans Commu-



Susan Pisano '98, center, and therapeutic recreation intern Lea Rocco '13 work with a veteran at Northport VAMC.

ist. The supervisor may also become a mentor to the intern who will enlighten the student about the field based on their own work experiences and professional connections."

The 12-credit internship requires 560 hours in not less than 14 consecutive weeks. Accepted students work full-time hours on site and attend one class on the Long Island Campus each week. Interns provide direct care to veterans through therapeutic recreation programs and services at each of the respective sites, often rotating through various units, including Alzheimer's, long-term care, psych and others.

"The students also do a lot of documentation," Dr. Lamberta adds. "They learn how to apply the theories of documentation because they need to record progress notes and to determine whether or not the clients are meeting goals and objectives."



nity Initiative. Its mission is to integrate the SJC community with those of the two facilities through the development of meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships that reflect both academic and co-curricular programs.

To date, the initiative has yielded a variety of on-site volunteer activities and on-campus events, including classroom visits, fundraisers and renovation projects by students and faculty. One of the most recent additions was a faculty lecture series at LISVH, spearheaded by business professor Ralph Nofi.

The Habitat for Humanity Club, for example, lead an extensive revitalization of the gardens at VAMC, while the Child Study Club renovated Community Living Center 4 to create “the sandbar,” a private area in the palliative-care unit that offers a peaceful and positive atmosphere to accommodate the children and grandchildren of hospitalized veterans during family visits. Students also donated more than \$1,000 worth of board games, puzzles, coloring books, crayons and markers for the kids to enjoy.

On Earth Day, the Recreation Club took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for LISVH’s new Butterfly Garden, and last December, the SJC Sharps, the all-female a capella group performed holiday music for the residents. Most recently, St. Joseph’s welcomed LISVH residents to the Long Island Campus as it hosted the Suffolk County Golden Games, an annual athletic competition for senior citizens.

“The veterans have responded very positively to all of the programs and interactions with the students,” Ms. Cannella says. “These visits let them know that they are not forgotten, that the sacrifices they made have value and are appreciated by future generations.”

Additional programs are in the works, including integration of the athletic department into the Blue Stars and Yellow Ribbons initiative. In the near future, SJC athletes may be running clinics and scrimmages at the two facilities. The next step, Dr. Fuchs says, is to incorporate more veterans into a classroom setting, and to offer service and experiential learning opportunities and co-curricular activities that students will be able to earn credit for under the new core.

## MILITARY, CONNECTED

For students, staff and faculty alike, the newfound connection to those who serve or have served our country is an eye-opening experience. The influx of military connected students on campus over the past few years has had a profound effect on the College community, Dr. Fuchs says.

“They really have enriched campus life. Their presence is felt in class. Many of them, if you give them the opportunity to speak, are pretty forthcoming about what it is that they experienced, and quite willing to share their experiences with other students. I’ve been astounded by how courageous many of our students have been.”



**SJC alumna Lee grace Cannella '90 is director of therapeutic recreation at the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook.**

The students who have visited the veterans’ facilities, despite some initial trepidation, have been equally moved by their visits.

“The students are making connections with people,” Dr. Lamberta says. “It is pretty remarkable that some have had the fear of being in those environments.

“When you hear VA in Northport, you hear Long Island State Veterans Home, your perception of what you might see, hear, feel, smell is, I’m sure, not desirable. In some cases there is a bit of fear, but once students become engaged, those fears tend to dissipate. Often, the perception of being in both facilities is that consumers will be non-responsive, especially in a nursing home, and that’s not necessarily the case.”

“The truth,” Dr. Fuchs says, “is that every single time we’ve made contact — whether it’s a club or the athletic department, students in the class — the students say, ‘What can I do now? We want to do this again.’

“I think this is true regardless of where students volunteer or engage in service learning: I think they always go in with the expectation of ‘How can I help?’ — that they’re going to do something for someone else. But what we’ve found consistently is that when students are done volunteering at the VA or at [LISVH], that they’re stunned by how much more they’ve received from the veterans than they’ve given. The truth is the veterans’ response has been absolutely wonderful to our students.” ■

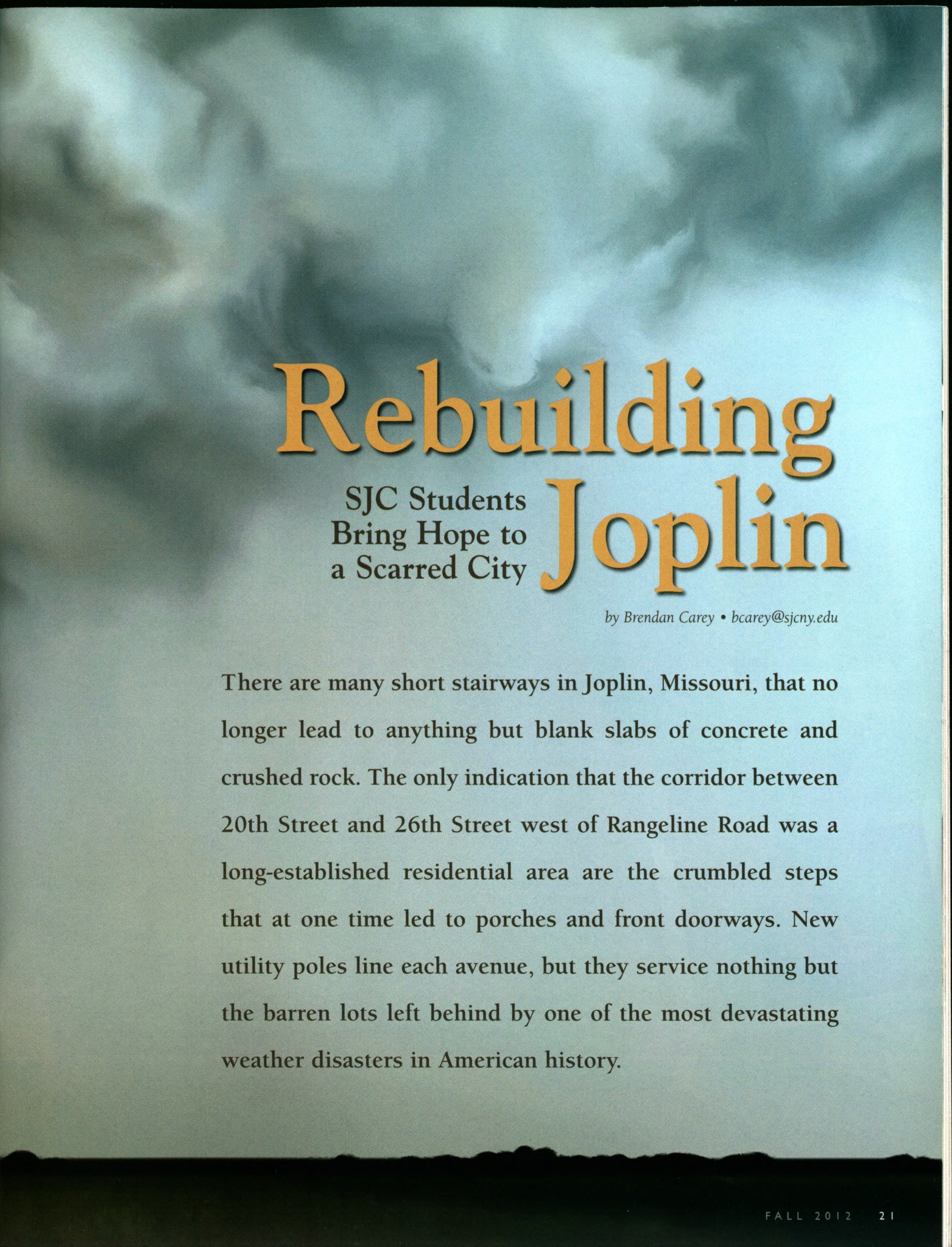


In April, Lee grace Cannella, Stephen Fuchs, Gail Lamberta, Shannon O’Neill and Susan Pisano discussed SJC’s veterans initiatives on Telecare’s *St. Joseph’s College: Transforming Communities*. Watch the video at [magazine.sjcny.edu](http://magazine.sjcny.edu).









# Rebuilding SJC Students Bring Hope to a Scarred City Joplin

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There are many short stairways in Joplin, Missouri, that no longer lead to anything but blank slabs of concrete and crushed rock. The only indication that the corridor between 20th Street and 26th Street west of Rangeline Road was a long-established residential area are the crumbled steps that at one time led to porches and front doorways. New utility poles line each avenue, but they service nothing but the barren lots left behind by one of the most devastating weather disasters in American history.





"We want to  
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— Crystal Tejada '12

It's roughly 10 months since that historic EF5 tornado ripped through this small Midwestern city and at first sight, the recovery has been slow. In the hardest hit area, few homes have been rebuilt. The shredded remnants of amputated trees reach upward, appearing to have surrendered to winds so violent that the bark was ripped from the trunks and boughs. Reading the National Weather Service's final report on the storm, you'd think it was science fiction.

Rubber garden hoses impaled tree trunks.

Cars were thrown hundreds of yards like Legos.

Reinforced concrete buildings were completely leveled, including Joplin High School, Walmart and Home Depot.

On the west side of town, St. John's Regional Medical Center was shifted completely off its foundation — the entire hospital — by several inches. It still stands as tearing it down poses the threat of generating an earthquake due to underground mines.

The storm claimed 158 lives, making it the deadliest tornado in the U.S. since 1953.

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Until April 2012, the disaster in Joplin had nothing to do with St. Joseph's College. Though it had been nearly a year since the storm laid waste to a large chunk of the town and displaced a large number of its 50,000 residents, the community was still sorely in need of help. So as many college students were heading off to exotic locales for spring break, a group of 21 SJC students and staff were on their way to Joplin to aid in the

relief effort, forever forging a bond between the recovering city and a small liberal arts college half a continent away. Known as the Alternative Spring Break, the trip has become an annual rite of passage for the most philanthropic of the student body.

"Every year we go somewhere where there's a need," said Patrick Tracy, director of Campus Ministry on the Long Island Campus and leader of the Alternative Spring Break. "Either helping the vulnerable — maybe somebody who's been the victim of a disaster, maybe an underserved community, and sometimes both."

In the case of Joplin, it was both. The magnitude of the rebuild is a reflection of the scale of the destruction that the monster tornado created. It's exactly why the Enhanced Fujita Scale rates tornadoes based on damage rather than power. The two generally go hand-in-hand, but a storm with 300 mph winds that roars through an undeveloped area of the Plains, and one that hits a densely populated section of a small city are two vastly different things. Both are rare, but only one is historic. The tornado that came through Joplin just before 6 p.m. on May 22, 2011, was nearly a mile wide, inflicting catastrophic EF5 damage along the majority of its 22-mile path.

To cover more ground, SJC students were split into groups and sent to a variety of work sites in Joplin. The largest project took the entire week and was based at Cecil Floyd Elementary School, where the students worked through a record-setting April heat wave constructing five sustainable garden boxes and a memorial garden. Cecil Floyd was one of several school buildings that were seriously damaged or destroyed by the tornado, but as several College students learned, the emotional toll that the storm inflicted on the children has been an even larger obstacle.

"As an adult it's difficult, so imagine being a child and having to go through that," said Crystal Tejada, a senior on the Brooklyn Campus who spent much of her time on the trip working directly with young students in the classroom. "For the kids it's been especially hard, and they're still recovering from it."

The idea to build the gardens was conceived by a marketing and social media consultant named Sidney Ray. A Missouri native, Ms. Ray is the creator of Relief Spark, a grassroots nonprofit organization that facilitated the trip. She founded Relief Spark in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina devastated her adopted hometown of New Orleans.

Groups of young people willing to donate their free time for community service are vital to disaster relief, Ms. Ray explained. But they're not always easy to come across.

"For college kids to give up their spring break to come out to help a city that's been destroyed by a tornado or a flood, it says a lot about their character," Ms. Ray said. "They care about the community. They care about the people that





they're interacting with. They want to make a difference."

Relief Spark is not alone in its need for enthusiastic volunteers. Though the gardens were the main project, students were also sent to multiple work sites being managed by AmeriCorps. Long Island Campus junior Janece Guerra worked at these sites throughout the week and was shocked by what kind of damage an EF5 tornado could do.

"This isn't a small town," she said. "This is a suburban area, and there's just nothing except a few houses that have been rebuilt." A veteran of two Alternative Spring Breaks — she spent her spring break in 2011 rebuilding oyster beds on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico in Florida — Janece spent much of her trip clearing debris and rubble from the properties of people who were not capable of doing the work alone.

"It's rewarding," she said of the trip. "What would I be doing while I'm home? Sitting on the couch? Writing papers? That can wait. I'm going to come out here and get my hands dirty and help people."

Janece's thoughts were echoed by all of her classmates from Brooklyn and Long Island. The Alternative Spring Break is not a requirement for any of these students. It's a choice they make to give back. Many are also involved with community-service clubs such as Students Taking an Active Role in Society (S.T.A.R.S.), Campus Ministry, the Nicaragua Project and Habitat for Humanity, which sponsored its own spring break trip to southern California to work with the legendary organization constructing homes for families in need.

Service is not just part of the College mission, it's a hallmark of the St. Joseph's community at large. This cooperative approach on both campuses created a friendly and accepting atmosphere in Missouri. Most of the Long Island students had not met their counterparts from Brooklyn and vice versa, but it was impossible to tell.

"The greatest part of this trip is the bonding," Long Island Campus sophomore Christian Murphy said as he looked out over the garden boxes that he helped build. "I went on this trip knowing one person, and now we're all friends. By the end of the week, you're family."

"I know some people think that the Long Island Campus and Brooklyn Campus are really different," Crystal Tejada said. "But we really came here with the same mentality, the same goals. We want to help. We want to get involved and do something meaningful."

To the group that traveled to Joplin together, there is no longer a need to make a distinction between the campuses at SJC. They were all representing one college and had one collective goal. At the end of the week, the five garden boxes all stood in the shadows of the rebuilt Cecil Floyd Elementary. A scattered stack of lumber had become a colorful collection of sturdy planters, built to provide

fresh produce for an underserved school. Though the construction process had its rocky moments, in many ways it was an analogy for the camaraderie it helped create as the students worked together to finish the project.

"When we started, we didn't know what we were doing. It was just trial and error," sophomore Victor Cruz said of his first day on site. "But we finally got together in groups and we started making progress. It hit the point where we were all working together and we were like a machine. Like a real group."

Joplin is nowhere close to being rebuilt. The devastation is still widespread, and the community is still shaken by the immense power of the storm. Nearly 160 lives were lost as a direct result of the tornado, and thousands more were scarred, both emotionally and physically. But the influx of generosity has helped the healing process, and the appreciation is evident wherever you go.

"I've had the privilege of visiting with and meeting lots of volunteers from around the world. And what it says first and foremost is that there is a lot of support and a lot of hope for the future," Cecil Floyd Elementary Principal Elaina Edman said of the support.

"People are willing to roll up their sleeves and come and help us. We're not rebuilding alone. That's a really significant message." ■



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# Practitioners *make* Perfect

*Joseph Pascarella, Ph.D., and the  
career-centric criminal justice program*





‘Six students, two teachers in each class — they completely dote on you. It’s amazing.” Criminal justice assistant professor Joseph Pascarella, Ph.D., has witnessed firsthand the perks of the Finnish educational system.

The former police captain taught at the National Police College of Finland under a Fulbright Fellowship in 2003, and his daughter attended one of Finland’s renowned public schools.

“Finland has one of the best educational systems in the world. Each room [in my daughter’s public school] was different: a math room, a reading room.” Dr. Pascarella retells his daughter’s affinity for her education, and her reluctance to return to the States: “She was crying her last day.”

More than 4,000 miles west, with a student-faculty ratio of 15-to-1, St. Joseph’s College reflects the small classes, devoted instructors and specialized subject areas for which Finland schools are renowned.

It’s this emphasis on intimate and specialized instruction, delivered by career practitioners from the field, which led Dr. Pascarella to the Brooklyn Campus’ burgeoning criminal justice program in 2008.

A New York City police officer for two decades, Greenpoint’s Dr. Pascarella earned a bachelor’s degree from Rowan University, a master’s degree from John Jay College and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the City University of New York, all in criminal justice. Early on, he knew he wanted to be involved in law enforcement, and so he started a career with the NYPD in the midst of his education.

“I was in graduate school for about two years, and then I joined the police department,” Dr. Pascarella says. After joining the force and earning his M.A., he then pursued his Ph.D. during 10 years of dedicated study and service. “I wound up working midnights as a police officer to try and manage my education ... and that turned out to be a whole new learning experience.”

For those working adult learners seeking to advance their careers, and the young students seeking their first jobs, collegiate learning experiences are indeed varied. It’s the professional connections offered by SJC that provide every type of learner with some common ground.

For students within the criminal justice major, these professional connections are available through specialized internships, networking opportunities and career-specific learning tracks. Advantages of these offerings are clear, especially to a veteran of the largest municipal police force in the United States.

“We have five tracks that we tailor to job trends [Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, Law and Justice, Community Correctional Alternatives, and Technology and the Criminal Justice System],” Dr. Pascarella says. “Students can have a general interest in criminal justice, then they can hone in on their career specialization through the tracks.”

The expanded criminal justice degree at Brooklyn will shortly be offering classes in the two newest of those five tracks: Community Correctional Alternatives, and Technology and the Criminal Justice System. After observing the evolution of crime and the changes to criminal patterns, Dr. Pascarella says the demand is growing for graduates with experience in these fields.

“The current infrastructure for criminal justice is based upon older crime threats that just don’t exist today. There are lower rates of street crime, and the current system as constructed is better suited to address street crime and interpersonal violence. We need to go into a major paradigm shift, we have to prepare our students for the next generation of crime, which is information based and more likely to use cyber technology.”

In a world of policing, an influx of information is absolutely paramount. It’s an obvious parallel, then, that an instructor handpicked from the NYPD would be well suited for education.

Dr. Pascarella is directly involved in bringing in outside professionals, assisting in special events and overseeing internships. And it’s the feedback of criminal justice students who participate in internships and learn from those in the field, that mean the most to Dr. Pascarella.

“I have a couple of interns that went into the police department and came back to me after three weeks and said, ‘Listen, I hate this. I can’t stand this.’” he says. “That’s a good thing. This way, you know what you don’t like, you can check it off your list. You don’t want to spend your career doing something you hate, and I consider that a successful internship: finding out what you don’t or do like within the system.”

Successful criminal justice internships are certainly one of the reasons the major’s Brooklyn enrollment has risen by 89 percent in four years. That, and the seasoned instructors who have experienced full careers within the criminal justice system.

“Everyone’s a practitioner at SJC. That’s what makes this program very unique,” Dr. Pascarella says.

Coming from a former resident of Finland, that’s high praise. ■



# A Conversation With James Graham

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I am excited to join such a wonderful team of fundraisers on our Brooklyn and Long Island campuses.

— James Graham

There isn't a simple way to explain James Graham's title. St. Joseph's College's director of college advancement for the L.I. Campus, Mr. Graham's job description continues to evolve since he joined the Office of Institutional Advancement in June 2012. Thus far, he's taken the task of furthering the L.I. Campus by working with faculty and staff to discuss new scholarships, fundraising projects, media expansion initiatives and a Long Island annual fund.

A York College of Pennsylvania graduate, Mr. Graham has experience working as a fundraiser in education and in health services, and most recently worked in sales as part of his own consulting company. We had the opportunity to sit down with Mr. Graham, which was easy because his office is next to our kitchen, and because James Graham is extremely conversational, personable and eager to share his vision for the future of St. Joseph's College.

### What drew you to St. Joseph's College?

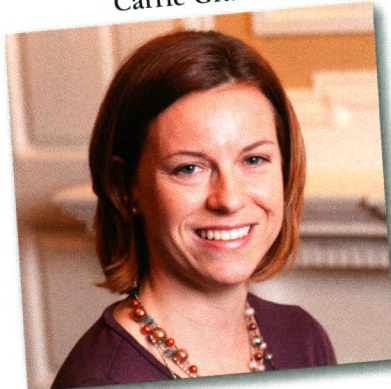
The opportunity to work with such a wonderful team of fundraising, alumni and communication professionals, as well as the opportunity to work with a friend of mine, [Vice President for Institutional Advancement] Nancy Connors. Nancy and I worked together

to teach a course at Philanthropy Day, 10 years ago. We've been in touch ever since ... I knew I had some great people that were going to end up on my team. The roles were defined when I started.

We've been extremely lucky that Carrie Graf-Behlen [manager of special events] will continue working on major events for the College; she's been extremely successful. Corri Lincker, [manager of prospect research and database] is familiar with the area because she's been involved with alumni for a long time. She's moving into an area that does research and handles our database. And we're extremely lucky to have Karen Pariti from the Office of Multicultural Student Life move into our department. She'll be overseeing our newly founded Annual Fund program in Patchogue. ... We're doing a lot of outreach to alumni from the Long Island Campus. We think that with some of the programs, some of the new initiatives we create, that alumni are going to be motivated to join us in celebrating an outstanding college.

There are a lot of opportunities, and things that need funding here and I think that people want to know the specifics of where their gift will be going. We're going to make a real push to give people specific ideas about

Carrie Graf-Behlen '03



Corri Lincker



Karen Pariti





where their money is going to end up. And they're going to be excited to help us create some really interesting programs to help the students.

**How do you think the fundraising climate is changing with outlets such as Twitter, Facebook and other social media sites?**

Social media and digital media as a whole are totally different and have really only become part of fundraising in the last five years; really less than that for most organizations. Very few people do it well, but knowing the team that we have in place — the new digital strategy team that we've created specifically to tackle this — I think that we'll have outstanding communication for our alumni, for our friends. And when we're able to communicate better using those methods they'll be excited to hear about what we're working on, and help us fund some of those projects.

**What's on the horizon for the Long Island Campus?**

Creating an annual fund, and bolstering annual giving to the Century Fund. We have a lot of different ideas, we're going to see how we can approach alumni with different specific events and ideas. With the new Gary Smith Tournament, that'll be one area that our athletes will be able to get behind. Helping to create a tournament to raise the profile of the school and our soccer program as well as scholarship programs — we are also planning to create an emergency schol-

arship program that will help students in dire need of financial assistance.

**How do you feel about being SJC's new director of college advancement for the Long Island Campus?**

I'm excited that we have buy-in. And that's a big thing. I know from my conversations with S. Elizabeth [A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D.], my conversations with Dean [Christopher] Frost [Ph.D.], the ongoing conversation that I have with Nancy and [Richard] Greenwald [Ph.D., Brooklyn academic dean]: everybody's behind creating a successful fundraising program. They understand the work that goes into it. I think everyone understands that we're not going to raise \$100 million in six months. People understand that this is a long-term process, but it's necessary for the future of SJC. For any college to be successful you need to have alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff all contributing and buying into the mission of the college. So I'm excited, I think we have all of the buy-in now its just taking that time to develop the right plan that suits the alumni here.

**How will you coordinate with the fundraising team in Brooklyn?**

Right now, Brooklyn alumni contribute the majority of the annual gifts to the College. They have been so generous in leading the way. Stephanie Ganley [director of advancement operations], Kim Tuthill [manager of annual giving], Clare Kehoe [assistant vice president for grants and major gifts], Mark Wilson [senior grant writer] and

and the Brooklyn staff have done an outstanding job, and I'm working with them to figure out ways that we can replicate some of their successful programs out here in Long Island. And I think that eventually our alumni will be contributing at the rates that the Brooklyn alumni are contributing because I know how much our alumni love the school. The alumni program here is outstanding, Paige Carbone [director of alumni relations] is doing some outstanding work, and her staff has done a great job getting our alumni interested in what we're doing.

The biggest problem that every nonprofit has when they're not fundraising is that they're not asking, or not asking as well and as often as they should. That's the nature of an organization; you need to make that understanding that you're going to be asking, that you are a nonprofit. Once people get used to that feeling then fundraising becomes commonplace, people expect to make their gift because they know what they're supporting. While we've communicated a lot of great things going on at campus, I think that creating a fundraising program helps us showcase what we could be doing if we had the support.

With such a tight-knit community already in place at St. Joe's, I know for a fact that our alumni, faculty and friends are going to jump at the opportunity to participate. ■

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Stephanie Ganley



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Mark Wilson '08





# THE ACCIDENTAL



Robert Ameller

# BIOLOGIST



Meet Dave Conway, circa 1998. Patchogue-Medford High School senior and self-described band geek. A music lover? You bet. Science and math? Not so much.

"I think I stopped taking sciences and math when they said 'you don't have to take it anymore,'" he says. "I was done. And I was happy with that. I was really happy with that."

Flash-forward 13 years: Dave Conway graduates from St. Joseph's College with a bachelor's degree in ... biology? He's working as an adjunct professor, teaching in the genetics lab?

What a long, strange trip it's been.

Dave Conway '11 washed his hands of science as a teenager, but discovered an unexpected passion for biology after a few twists of fate.

"I graduated, I moved on. I was doing the whole music thing and I was really enjoying it," he says, "and then my mother got sick. She came down with severe asthma out of nowhere.

"I wanted to know what was wrong with her," Dave says; his quest for answers eventually led him to Manhattan where he began to work as an emergency medical technician — critical care (EMT-CC) and communication specialist for New York Presbyterian Hospital in 2001. That job put him on the front line for the terrorist attacks on September 11.

"I still have problems talking about it," he says, yet still musters the courage to share a few words about his experience:

"I responded in. I was there for a couple of days and I did my job. I lost a bunch of good friends. It was tough. I think that's really what pushed me to stop working out there and come out here."

Dave transferred his skills as an EMT-CC back to his hometown North Patchogue Fire Department, where he worked full time as a paid first responder for several years. Eventually his wife, Trish, and several of his closest friends urged him to earn a college degree and become a science teacher.

"I always loved teaching," he says. "I was a teacher for EMS for a couple of years, and I said, 'I can do this; I can go back.'

"I did some college here and there," he says, but in 2007, he landed at St. Joseph's Long Island Campus.

Dave was already familiar with the College and its staff after years of coordinating community events for the fire department, such as CPR and automated external defibrillator training sessions. Its prime location was another selling point, but the biggest plus was SJC's small class sizes.

"I did some classes in other places, and I was considered a number; I wasn't considered a person," he says.

"What I'd heard from other people who went here was that everybody knew everybody. ... I knew there were small classes, and I knew that if I needed help, I could go to somebody and they would be able to help me out."

Dave had planned to become a science teacher, but as he progressed, he began to feel the medical field beckoning once again. He eventually shelved his teaching aspirations and switched his major to biology, intending to train as a physician assistant. He became so enamored with the science that he worked part time as a lab assistant, and later as a lab manager/technician, which he says was his favorite part about being at St. Joseph's.

Working in the labs not only helped him gain deeper insight into the curriculum, but also strengthened his connections with the department's faculty. Those connections became so strong that Dave was hired as an adjunct professor after he graduated; he taught two portions of genetics lab during the spring 2011 semester before being accepted to the B.S./M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies program at Touro College School of Health Sciences in Bay Shore; he expects to complete his studies by September 2013. He even discovered the cause of his mother's unexplained asthma.

"Just recently, I kind of diagnosed her before she was diagnosed with this rare ... deficiency in a protein," he says. "I just learned about it in school."

Dave lavishes praise on the biology professors who guided him through his years at St. Joseph's, both as their student and colleague, including Moira Royston, Ph.D. ("She really taught me how to write. I thought I knew ... but she showed me I didn't know how to write with my first paper."), Valerie Nappi-Giordano ("She really wanted you to understand science. ... She was probably one of the hardest teachers, but I really learned a lot from her.") and department chair Francis Antonawich, Ph.D. ("If Dr. A asked me to teach basket weaving, I'd learn how to basket weave ... because he's just so much fun to work with.").

Now more than a year into his P.A. program, Dave is contemplating his future career, but with so many diverse interests to choose from, it looks like he's facing a tough decision.

"I do enjoy pediatrics," he says, "I think I'm going to stay out of emergency medicine, but I kind of want to go into either [gastroenterology], because I find it fascinating, and cardiology I've always found fascinating, and also pulmonology ..."

Quite a change for the band geek who quit science at the first opportunity. ■





Photos by Robert Amsler

# FINDING *flow*

Alumnae give shape to Bay Shore's Earth'n Vessel



There's a term coined by Hungarian psychology professor Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi called "flow" which describes the state of mind reached when agreeing levels of skill and challenge meet. To achieve flow, that in-the-zone level of consciousness, you've got to participate in an intrinsically rewarding and motivating activity. Finding flow can be difficult, but when you do find your niche, you devote yourself to revisiting that heightened consciousness.

For Jane Becker '88 (opposite left) and Jean M. O'Connell '91, the organic experience of pottery is what ushers them into the moment. The two St. Joseph's College alumnae's devotion to the technique led to the opening of the Earth'n Vessel Pottery Studio in Bay Shore in 1997, and their continued love of the art drives them to share it with others.

"Jane and I, and another friend, Theresa Egbert, started taking [pottery] classes at Stony Brook University, and we fell in love with it," Ms. O'Connell explains. "However, there were such big gaps between sessions that we had withdrawals. So we kept talking about, 'We should start our own studio.' And so one day we sat down, and this is what happened."

Neither Jane nor Jean had any experience in pottery before their initial flirtations with the craft. Jean graduated with a psychology degree from SJC and went on to work in sales before her placement at St. Mary's Outreach in East Islip. Jane finished her years at St. Joe's with a social sciences degree before heading to Stony Brook for a Ph.D. in sociology. She even returned to SJC as an adjunct.

But this was all before their hands had touched clay.

"When Jane dragged me to the first class, and she actually had to drag me, I had no interest in pottery," Ms. O'Connell says. "I didn't even own a piece of pottery."

"I always wanted to do it," Ms. Becker says. "When I was in high school, there was a pottery class before our art class. And we weren't allowed to touch the wheel. But I used to get there early and I'd watch them. For years I carried around that interest."

If you're heading in to Bay Shore, try to find Earth'n Vessel at 67 West Main Street without passing it. The storefront isn't gaudy or ostentatious, though you'd appreciate a neon sign if it's your first time and you overshoot it by two boutiques and a sushi place. Immediately inside sits a small room crowded with for-sale pottery: glazed urns, vases and bowls, commissioned goblets with intricate chisel work. Between the ornamented pieces and the register is an unassuming door; walk through it, and you'll find the real treasure.

"We decided that what we really wanted to do was create a community of artists," Ms. Becker says while

standing amongst a rear workshop that includes 14 pottery wheels, shelves of completed and in-production work, glaze mixes, a kiln and much more.

Now a lively co-op that hosts seasonal classes (five a week all year except summer, when they pare back to four), Earth'n Vessel is one of the only studios of its kind, teaching to all skill levels in the same classes, not separating beginners from experienced practitioners.

"That was our motivation from the get-go," Ms. Becker continues. "Never to make a lot of money, but to create an atmosphere that was fun to be in."

During the first year of Earth'n Vessel's opening, Jane and Jean were tentative to take out a spot in the *Pennysaver* advertising their new pottery classes. While Long Island offered plenty of paint-your-own-ceramic places, the abundance of pottery studios was, and still is, diminutive.

If you've ever seen a potter throwing on a wheel, you'd share Jane and Jean's concern: seated on a stool and carefully crafting with slow, methodic motions, the potter's process can seem inclusive and almost sanctimonious. Would folks really be interested in joining a community of potters? (Also, ceramic places had those cute little premade dolphin sculptures you could paint blue, or even yellow, if you wanted.)

Unknown to them, Jane and Jean's initial *Pennysaver* ad would tap into a vibrant community of artists on the Island. Too many artists, as a matter of fact. "Over 80 students responded to that first ad," Ms. O'Connell says.

"We had a few of those moments: 'What have we gotten ourselves into?'" Ms. Becker says. With an overabundance of fledgling potters eager to learn, the first year at Earth'n Vessel was an exciting one, as were the 15 after that.

This year, registration forms continue to pile up well before deadline, and waiting lists continue to be a reality, because Jane, Jean and the other co-op members refuse to expand the neat little niche they've built, and because the mass appeal of pottery is in the addicting nature of the process itself. Quite simply, it's a direct line to "flow."

"There's nothing around like it," Ms. O'Connell says. "It's a very meditative experience, it just teaches so much about being centered."

If you're interested in finding flow through the art of pottery, visit Jane and Jean in their Bay Shore store and register for classes. If all the spots are booked through the season, just say you went to St. Joseph's. This won't get you a place, but these two alumnae will appreciate it. ■



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## ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

### A Paige From the History Books

Long Island Campus' New Director of Alumni Relations:  
Paige Napoli Carbone '02



Robert Ansler

Chances are you've already met Paige Napoli Carbone '02.

Maybe you sat next to her in class sometime between 1998 and 2002. Perhaps you were a part of SGA when she was the group's president during the 2001-2002 school year. Could be you were one of the students she counseled in 2004 when she worked in the admissions office, or stopped by the D'Ecclesiis Auditorium for one of her performances with the Drama Society. Whatever the case may be, Paige Carbone is back.

As of June 2012, the Long Island Campus' Office of Alumni Relations welcomed Ms. Carbone back to St. Joseph's as its new director of alumni relations, a role previously held by Matthew Colson '02.

If you've ever spoken with Ms.

Carbone (and you probably have), it's easy to tell that this is a dream job for the speech communications degree graduate.

"I've always wanted to be in a position where I could communicate with our graduates," Ms. Carbone said. "I'm thrilled to be helping alumni and building the events that are bringing them back to the College. As a graduate myself, I know the value of a strong relationship with your alma mater, and how beneficial it could be."

Turned "Carbone" after she married her Brentwood West Middle School sweetheart in 2006, Paige (née Napoli) has been a constant advocate of St. Joseph's, never straying too far from her roots. Now a resident of Blue Point, she brings a buoyant spirit to SJC's already charming alumni relations team, helping network with alumni and strengthen the link between the College and its family of former students.

"St. Joseph's has always been home to me. I've learned a lot in the three years since I've worked here last, and I'm excited to rejoin the SJC family," she said.

Most recently a career development associate at Stony Brook University, Ms. Carbone counseled and coached students interested in careers in the business industry, and assisted the College of Business faculty in conducting career panels and events. In addition to her B.A. in speech communications from SJC, Ms. Carbone earned an M.S. in school counseling from Long Island University and is a certified life/career coach. A Bay Shore native, she enjoys writing, dancing, the beach and being a proud mother to her 1-year-old daughter, Molly. ■

### Tell Us Your Story

Share your news in the Class Notes section of *SJCNY: St. Joseph's College Magazine*.

Send your items to the Office of Alumni Relations:

#### Brooklyn Campus

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## Class Notes

### 1930s

Brooklyn alumna **Frances Oliveri Baicich '37** was unable to attend the Spring Reunion in April, but she was kind enough to send an update to her classmates, who were celebrating the 75th anniversary of their graduation from St. Joseph's:



Thank you very much for the invitation to be a guest at the St. Joseph's College Alumni luncheon on April 21, 2012. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. Please give my best wishes to those in attendance, especially if there's anyone from my class.



### 1940s

**Agatha Walsh O'Brien '40** and son, Peter, both enjoy the mild Oregon winters and activities at Mary's Woods. Agatha recommends the water aerobics and use of its chapel for daily Mass.

**Margaret Pyle Dillon '47** is a Eucharistic minister and lecturer at her parish.

**Patricia Lesher Hedges '47** lives in Massena, N.Y., with her Labrador retrievers and spends her summers at the lake in her Canadian cottage. Her daughter Anne and her family live in Swanton, Vt. Anne and her husband are both in the National Guard. She has been deployed to Afghanistan twice, and her husband is now in Afghanistan until the end of the year. Anne's younger daughter, Genevieve, and her family live in Gouvernour, N.Y. Her husband works for Verizon. Genevieve is very active in the Alumnae Association of Keuka College. She is her class representative in the executive council for the association. She is also very active in volunteer work for the outreach center in their church. Her oldest daughter teaches in Virginia and her youngest daughter is a marine biologist working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Chamber of Commerce.

I have fond memories of my days at St. Joseph's. When I first entered the College in 1933, I was barely 16, alone and scared. I was the first woman in my Italian immigrant family to graduate from high school, so the idea of college was not the usual expectation in my family. I received an excellent liberal arts education at St. Joseph's and made some close friends. I worked hard during those four years and gained a new confidence in my ability to accomplish my goals. When I graduated, not quite twenty years old, I had a B.A. degree with a major in French.

That year, 1937, was a difficult year for the country economically, so I had a hard time finding a job. I went to secretarial school to learn to type and do stenography and was hired by Morgenthaler Linotype. The company was expanding at the time because of some government contract work relating to the war. Later, I enrolled in Columbia University and received an M.A. in French. Eventually, I took the NYC teachers' exam, passed it, and began a teaching career that lasted almost forty years. I taught French, Italian, and English in high school and junior high and eventually settled into teaching elementary school in Manhattan and later, in Queens.

On the personal side, I married and had three children. When my husband got a position as a journalist in Rome, Italy, I followed him there and we stayed in Italy for five years. After we returned to the U.S., we bought a house in Queens and raised a family there.

Now, I live most of the year in Clearwater, Florida, to take advantage of the warm weather and the help of one of my daughters who lives nearby. But I go back to New York every summer and stay in my house in Queens. If there is an opportunity to get together with alumni during the summer months, I would try to come.

*Frances Oliveri Baicich*

**Virginia Swift '47** is keeping up with her tai chi and note-card painting.

**Marilyn Tallon Ten-Eyke '47** celebrated

her 85th birthday in Dublin with her daughters and grandkids. Marilyn volunteers three days a week as an advocate in the parish outreach office at St. Martin





Robert Napolitano

Alumni Association member Mary Morry '79, Ph.D., and Catherine Muldoon '12, center, received the 2012 Alumni Leadership Award on April 28. They are joined by Mary's daughter, Alexandra Demers, and Catherine's mother, Mary Frances Muldoon '76.

of Tours, and once a week at the Dominican Sisters of Amityville teaching English as a second language.

**Lucia Jurek Varholy '47** has a 3-year-old great-grandson, Daniel. Her daughter Christine is an English professor at Hampton-Sidney College.

### 1950s

All five children of **Peggy O'Brien Burke '52** are married. She has 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Peggy recalls happy memories of her days at St. Joseph's and says, "It was such a great preparation for life."

**Joan Little Donoghue '52** is currently retired. She enjoyed the weddings of her grandchildren from her own two children.

**Patricia Egan Englehart '52** is a retired mathematics teacher.

**Elyse Deublein Harney '52** is happy to have her daughter and son-in-law working in her real estate company, Elyse Harney Real Estate LLC. Her husband, John, has their two sons and grandsons operating Harney & Sons Teas.

**Dorothy Harte McKenna '52** recently moved from Sedona, Ariz., to Fresno, Calif., to be closer to her family. She finds it strange that she can boast of being able to see, hear, walk and drive,

at her residence living. She realized that this merry life will not exist too much longer and intends to enjoy the time that is left.

**Sarah Mullady '52** wishes her surviving class the best health.

**Marion Martha Munisteri '52** is so proud of St. Joseph's and all that has been accomplished in Brooklyn and Patchogue. She loved the guest speaker program and thinks it has been very well received. Marion thanks everyone for their efforts.

**Frances Kurdziel Reader '52** has started traveling again after her husband's passing in 2007, and has thus far been to 38 countries and 36 states. Her last visit was to Russia, and this year she will be traveling to Poland. Frances currently volunteers two days a week at her local hospital. She enjoys gardening in her free time.

**Jeannette Mazzuka Sombrotto '52** is retired and lives in a lovely waterfront cottage in Sag Harbor, N.Y., where she spends seven months, and heads to Florida for five months in the winter. She has four wonderful grandchildren. The families of four reside in California and New Hyde Park, N.Y. Jeannette visits her daughter and family in California frequently and her New York

group often. Aside from medical issues, Jeannette and husband, Vincent, consider themselves blessed. She has great wonderful memories of St. Joe's and maintains friendships with 1952 classmates **Rita Rutigliano Kagiwada**, **Phyllis Leo Pagano** and **Ann Sferrazza Mollica**, who now resides in Hawaii.

Several members of the Class of 1957 all stay connected via email and phone. **Margaret Cooney Darraugh**, **Patricia Higgins**, **Margaret "Judy" Martin Lucas**, **Eileen Blaber Maloney** and **Virginia Mosca** are all scattered throughout Washington, Connecticut, Florida and Long Island.

**Margaret Cooney Darraugh '57** put her traveling plans on hold until she adjusts to a new knee.

**Patricia Higgins '57** is planning her spring planting on her lawn overlooking Candlewood Lake, Ct.

**Margaret "Judy" Martin Lucas '57** has a 1-year-old grandson. She has lived in Seattle since 2010. The impetus for the move was a medical crisis in the family. In 2007 her daughter, Diana, and son-in-law, Derek Streat, had a daughter, Adelaide Grace. Shortly before the child's second birthday, she suffered total kidney failure. By autumn 2010, her medical team considered her stable enough for surgery. So, with daughter Amanda as donor, the transplant was accomplished in November of that year. Today, her granddaughter Addie is bright and rambunctious going on 5 years old. Amanda has just run a half-marathon. Judy and her family are extremely grateful to all the classmates (and family, friends and even some total strangers) who supported them with their prayers and kind thoughts. They felt surrounded by love throughout the long road from 2007 to 2010 and today. She gives thanks and much love to all.



**Eileen Blaber Maloney '57** updated classmates **Margaret Cooney Darraugh**, **Margaret "Judy" Martin Lucas**, **Virginia Mosca** and **Patricia Higgins** on her trip to New Zealand.

**Mary Peyton McGrover '57** has been active with the National Alliance on Mental Illness for the past 12 years; her son suffers from bipolar disorder. Mary is a group facilitator for support groups, is on her parish's bereavement committee, sings at nursing homes, assists residents, sews for mothers in need and belongs to a weekly prayer group of 18 women. She is in Naples, Fla., from January to February, and in Point Lookout, N.Y., in August. Mary stays in contact with her five siblings across United States. She has six granddaughters from her three sons. She is related to the Rev. Patrick Peyton (1909-1992), who is close to being beatified. She believes "a family that prays together stays together."

**Virginia Mosca '57** is very involved with the religious communities in Brentwood, N.Y.

**Dolores Bryan Weeden '57** has been traveling to Ireland, Nova Scotia and many parts of United States, and visited Alaska in June. She has 17 grandchildren.

## 1960s

**Joan Bambach McCann '60** and her husband, John, have lived in Morning-side Gardens in Manhattan for about six years after raising their children in five different suburban towns in the eastern U.S. Although somewhat disabled, Joan still finds much to do, getting to Mass on her scooter and enjoying the fact that she and John are in both the Harlem and Columbia University communities. The stimulation from these sources helps keep her young and in contact with the world beyond their front door. They have 10 grandchildren and are very thankful. She anticipates

their visits all the time. Joan appreciates the days spent at St. Joseph's, and hopes to hear from any of her classmates who are near enough to come by.

**Mary Gallagher Alban '62** moved to northern Virginia to an adult community with lots of activities and trips. She is living five minutes from her daughter and her family.

**Anne Bagnini Alpert '62** makes frequent trips to New York and Connecticut to visit her family. Before retiring in 2002, Anne opened and designed two magnet schools and directed and designed a charter school in Norwalk, Conn. Anne and her husband, Martin, reside in Jacksonville, Fla. They have two grandchildren who live nearby. Last year, they visited Israel in memory of her mother, who held a Seder at St. Joseph's in 1962 at the request of then-College President S. Vincent Thérèse Tuohy, C.S.J., Ph.D.

**Anita Milaccio Bennett '62** recalls S. Alice Francis Young, S. Leonie Conk and S. Margaret Louise Shea from the child study department, and standards of excellence. She recalls the chapel at St. Joseph's, exams without proctors and the scholarship of her class. Fifty years is a lifetime away from 245 Clinton Avenue, but Anita's values remain alive. Her daughter, Mary, is senior director at Live Nation. Her son, John, earned a master's degree from Manhattan College in 2012 and is the college's assistant director of student activities.

**Maureen Coonan Brolly '62** sends her warmest wishes to her class.

**Stephanie Becht Carty '62** is enjoying her retirement from the New York City Board of Education. She audits college courses and does a lot of exercising. Stephanie has five grandchildren.

**Margaret Cahill Colome '62** retired from the New York City Board of Education and works part time at Kingsborough Community College. She babysits her two grandsons: Matthew, 5 ½, and Eric, 2 ½.

# A DAY AT THE RACES

Belmont Park



## September 29, 2012

(watch your mail for details)

### Lunch at noon

Call some friends and have a mini-reunion at the races.

All are welcome!

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or alumni@sjcnj.edu.

**Mary Anne E. Weindler Horan '62** is active with the Eastern Long Island Hospital Volunteers and the North Fork Environmental Council. She is enjoying her eight great-grandnieces and nephews.

**Constance Aivoli Kolb '62** has done various types of volunteer work, especially with the American Museum of Natural History. She spends most of her time meeting with family and old friends. Constance has not been traveling much since her husband passed away three years ago. She would like to start traveling again, and is interested in pursuing other types of volunteer work.



**Joan Franco Lawless '62** retired from teaching three years ago. Both of her children are now married, and Joan is hopefully awaiting grandchildren.

**Carole Roswell Maher '62** is very grateful to all the faculty who took such a personal interest in her progress.

**Margaret Kelly McLaughlin '62** spends six months of the year in Emerald Isle, N.C., and the other six in Sarasota, Fla. Her husband, George, suffers from Parkinson's disease, but still manages to walk a mile every other day. They enjoy visits from their seven grandchildren. Margaret plays mah jongg and loves it.

**Ann M. Farnan Mocker '62** works at the Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital as a part-time receptionist. She has been working with her husband for 20 years at St. Paul the Apostle as director for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). She has also served as director for the Rite of Christian Initi-

ation (RCI) for the past 10 years. Ann has worked for a local chain of department stores as a human resources assistant then became a trainer and worked with the secret-shopper program. She credits her teaching skills from St. Joseph's with giving her self-confidence. She has also converted to Roman Catholicism, which is dear to her heart and soul today.

**Lorraine Herbert Mund '62** is still performing with Ms. Senior America, singing arias. Her latest CD, *Gender Benders*, was released in April. Her collection of poetry, *And a Time For Every Purpose*, was released in June. She has four granddaughters, and teaches college courses. She is grateful to St. Joseph's for the knowledge and training she gained as a student.

**Peggy Anne La Salle Nicora '62** and her husband, Bernard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30 with their two children: Dr. Christopher Bernard (and his wife,

Michelle); and Claudine Stefanelli (and her husband, Tony). Her five grandchildren also joined the celebration: Anthony, 15; Matthew, 11; Alexandra, 5; Julianna, 8; and Martina, 5. Peggy and her husband took a trip to Paris with a Viking River Cruise in August.

**Elizabeth Rasicot Porterfield '62** has two grandchildren: Landon, 2, and Cole, 6 months. Elizabeth volunteers with the pet-therapy program at Mercy Medical Center. She is very happy and busy.

**Miriam Dooley Ross '62** is still teaching fifth grade. Her two sons are doing great. Tom is head basketball coach at Eckerd College; he and his wife, Kristy, have two boys and two girls. Miriam's other son, Michael, is an economics teacher at Georgia State College. Michael and his wife, Michaela, have two girls.

**Margaret Williams Schroder '62** has four daughters and 10 grandchildren — eight boys and two girls. Margaret loved her 27 years of teaching, but is now busy babysitting and volunteering as a lector and Eucharistic minister; she has also been a teacher of religious education at Curé of Ars Parish in Merrick, N.Y., for 41 years now.

**Barbara Likwala Wakefield '62** would like to congratulate her classmates on their 50th anniversary. Her husband, Rodney, loves Florida. Barbara spends times at the gym, dancing and working out, running errands for her elderly neighbors, and taking Bible study courses. She says life is good!

The Class of 1964 Scholarship Committee meets several times a year. College President **S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D.**, joins fellow 1964 graduates **Mary Morgan Tirolo, Mary Noberini, Mary Brennan Mulvihill, Mary Hilgeman, Joellen Sheehan, Elaine Flanagan Ciccone, Muriel O'Riordan Ward, Pat Cunningham Kushner, Betty Groarke White and Peg Harrington.** They encourage all

## Memorial Mass

The St. Joseph's College Alumni Association will celebrate  
our annual Memorial Mass for deceased alumni, faculty  
and friends of St. Joseph's.

Memorial Mass  
Kennedy Chapel, Burns Hall  
245 Clinton Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11205

Saturday, November 3, 2012

11 a.m., followed by lunch in the Parlors

RSVP by October 26 at 718.940.5585.

You can also email your response to Brooklyn Assistant Director  
of Alumni Relations Lisa Trinidad at [ltrinidad@sjcnj.edu](mailto:ltrinidad@sjcnj.edu).

Wishing you strength, peace and good health in your daily life.



classmates to contribute annually to the class scholarship fund. The Committee decided to celebrate its members' 70th birthdays with a set of different activities. The September birthdays start off with a weekend trip to Philadelphia to visit the new Barnes Foundation museum, plus a special dinner.

**Peg Harrington '64** visited Antarctica last winter and then met **Mary Morgan Tirola '64** in Argentina. Both places were spectacular. Peg also visited Australia this summer — her seventh continent — and ended the trip with a visit with her daughter Jessica, who has been in Samoa since September 2011.

1965 classmates **Kathleen Gordon Cirillo**, **Frances Dona McDermott** and **Maryanne Keenan Moller** attended the Memorial Mass for alumni last November. They enjoyed the Mass in Kennedy Chapel, which brought back many memories of lunchtime Masses during their SJC days. The liturgy was moving, and the names of all the alumni who died in the past year were read. Kathleen, Frances and Maryanne enjoyed revisiting the College, and suggest that anyone who has not visited in the past 10 years do so, because it is well preserved, reconfigured and beautifully decorated. Kathleen felt very proud of the school, especially after reading its current recruitment literature, as St. Joseph's is continuing to serve the children of the working class with the same vision it had for them.

**Diana Tagliaferri Antonucci '67** started participating in yoga when she retired as an English teacher at Jericho High School. She enjoys traveling and book clubs.

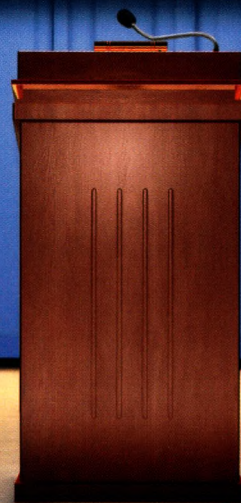
**Maureen Lynch Boyle '67** spends as much time as she can with grandson Luke, 7, and the family's golden retriever in Washington, D.C.

**Kathleen Rose Degen '67** is retiring soon as a psychiatrist at Sound Community Services Inc. Her daughter, Rose, graduated with a degree in culinary arts from Johnson & Wales University and is currently working in a prominent kitchen in Guilford, Ct. Kathleen's son, Kurt, works as a landscaper.

**Patricia Dyas Donofrio '67** enjoys volunteering, traveling and quilting. She wishes her classmates all the best, good health and happiness.

**Rita Marie McGrath Finnerty '67** has four children who are now 41, 40, 39 and 38. They are all married, and two of her sons and their families reside near them in Elmira, N.Y. Another son and his family reside in Canton, N.Y.; and her daughter and family live in Charlottesville, Va. Rita has nine grandchildren, ages 7-12.

# AND THE 2012 INDUCTEES ARE...



## Fifth Annual Induction Ceremony and Reception

### GOLDEN EAGLES HALL OF FAME 2012 INDUCTEES

Angela Chiarelli Campagna '96  
Brian Lynch '96  
Christina King '01  
Michael Reichert '04  
Tim Trava '04  
1993 Women's Tennis Team  
1994 Baseball Team

Please join us in celebrating their  
accomplishments at  
the Golden Eagles Hall of Fame  
award ceremony and reception.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2012**

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Long Island Campus

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Robert Napolitano



Alumni attend the 2012 Presidential Brunch at Water's Edge restaurant in Long Island City on March 25.

**Mary Margaret O'Neill Gage '67** and her husband, George, are enjoying retirement in Miami Beach, Fla. They travel to London regularly to visit their daughter, and grandchildren Victoria and Paolo.

**S. Eileen Gildea '67, C.S.J.**, retired as assistant principal at The Mary Louis Academy and is now working at St. Joseph's College as a class observer for the Dillon Child Study Center.

**S. Helen Marie Kearney '67, C.S.J., Ph.D.**, is embarking on a new role as president of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, after serving in leadership for the past 11 years. She is grateful for the 42 years teaching at St. Joseph's College, and is honored to be part of the St. Joseph's College Board of Trustees.

**Anne Catherine Gaffney McDonnell '67** has remarried after her husband's passing in 2009, and has relocated to a life-giving community in Florida called The Glenridge.

**Mary Jane E. McGoeys '67**, a cardiac nurse, sails, swims and is learning the Chinese language. Mary got braces last year and her teeth are white and straight. She gives free health advice: don't smoke, exercise every day, become a vegetarian, use sunscreen and brush your teeth.

**Ann Allison Murphy '67** is passionate about fine art photography, and enjoys on location photography. She has a website with her work: [1-ann-murphy.artistwebsites.com](http://1-ann-murphy.artistwebsites.com).

**Marybeth O'Neill McVie '67** recently retired as a speech therapist. She has nine grandchildren, and she enjoys reading to homeless preschoolers and church work.

**Priscilla O'Connell '67** has two sons who are married and a third who is engaged.

**Jeanne Panarace '67** moved to Johnston, R.I. She assists several communities and government organizations with resource development and advocacy, which benefit persons with disabilities and the elderly.

**Janice Marabile Rao '67** has four grandchildren: John, 7; Anna, 5; Liam, 4; and Adrienne, 6 months. Janice and her husband, Sal, bought a studio apartment in Manhattan, which they love. Weekends are the best, and it's a great getaway for them.

**Jean Rafenski Reynolds '67** co-edited a book, *Shaw and Feminisms: On Stage and Off*, which will be published by the University Press of Florida in January 2013.

**Kate Koppinger Rowe '67** has been enjoying her first year of retirement as the dean of enrollment management at Suffolk County Community College.

**Elizabeth Giordano Schambach '67** has four adult children and two grandchildren. Her sons live in Colorado and New Jersey.

**Mary Anne Annucci Williams '67** has three children. Her oldest son, David, is married, lives in Connecticut and has a son. Her daughter, Laura, is married, lives in California and has a newborn. Mary's youngest son, Peter got married last year and lives in New Jersey.

## 1970s

**Paula Vessio Bassolina '72** and her husband, Donald, have been retired for eight years. Her son, Chris, and his wife, Kristy, have three children and live in Westfield, N.J. Paula and Donald's joy is to babysit their grandchildren: Audrey, 5 ½; Connor, 4; and Katelyn, 1 ½.

**Rosemarie D'Ambrossi Casaccio '72** works for the New York City Department of Education at Public School, I.S. 384 and provides academic intervention for third and fourth graders. Her daughters are both married and are eighth grade teachers, in Brooklyn and East Islip.

**Linda Riccobono Ciaccia '72** and her husband, Peter, purchased a condominium in Naples, Fla., in 2002. It was initially an investment and ended being a quiet winter retreat from January through the end of April. Linda learned how to play golf living in a golf course community. Peter is the CFO, COO and treasurer for Brewster Wallcovering and Design. Linda retired from North Andover Public Schools in 2000. In 2007, their daughter, Melissa, moved from Portland, Ore., to Beverly, Mass., with her husband, Patrick; daughter, Annabella; and twins, Rose and Lucas. In 2008, Linda's son, David, married Toni Kelly. They reside in Hillboro, Ore., and were expecting their first child in August.



**Louise Nardo-Sulzer '72** retired from the New York City Board of Education and is enjoying life as a retiree.

**Dianne Piwinski '72** is retired and loves it.

**Barbara Woods Traola '72** is grandmother of Lea Grace Traola, 4, and Evan James, 2; they are joys of her life. Barbara has been married to her husband, Dominick, for 40 years.

**Patricia Dolan Travaglianti '72** celebrated her 39th wedding anniversary. Her son, Ed, and his wife reside and work in New York City. Patricia's granddaughter, Meredith, lives in Long Beach, N.Y., and is teaching second grade in Seaford, N.Y.

**Laura Galbo '77** is enjoying her retirement.

**Patricia Radigan Hallinan '77** received the 2012 Wonderful Woman award from the Peekskill Youth Bureau for her contributions to her community. The award was presented in honor of Women's History Month.

**Barbara A. Holton '77** has her own private practice as a licensed clinical social worker. She specializes in the treatment of children and teens as well as adults and couples. Barbara has two daughters, ages 8 and 12.

**Joan Del Gaudio Losciale '77** celebrated her 35th wedding anniversary on August 7. Her daughter, Melissa, graduated from California State University. Her son Jason wed Kathryn Sitter last August, and son Jonathan will wed Emily Sauls in December 2012. Her youngest son, Justin, will be a senior at California State University, Northridge.

## 1980s

**John Jerralds '81 (L.I.)** was awarded the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of West Florida, where he earned a master's degree in education leadership. The award is presented to UWF alumni for



Former Director of Alumni Relations and Stewardship Matthew Colson '02, Trustee Matthew Barbis '94 and President S. Elizabeth A. Hill '64, C.S.J., at the starting line of the fifth annual Alumni Association Walkathon/5K Run on April 29.

significant achievements or leadership in their chosen career or field of interest. A former teacher and school administrator, John is currently a member of the city council in Pensacola, Fla.

**Laura Sinkevitch Antal '82** and her husband, Ronald, celebrated their 25th anniversary in August. Their daughter, Lauren, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at St. Francis Prep.

**Gregory W. Branch '87, M.D.**, is now a grandfather to Braelyn Branch.

## 1990s

**Renee Gold Kantro '98 (L.I.)** was recently appointed to the executive board of the Friends of the Fire Island National Seashore (FFINS). She is an admissions counselor, adviser and preceptor for St. Joseph's School of Professional and Graduate Studies. Renee and her husband, Richard, enjoy bird-watching, bicycling and taking nature hikes around Long Island.

**Meredith Loftin-Chamberlain '98** released her first gospel CD, *First Fruit*, in November 2011. She has been a registered nurse for more than 20 years.

## 2000s

**Paula Santamaria Barretta '02** is currently living in Long Island with her husband, Michael Barretta '00, and 2-year-old son, Michael Christian. For the past 10 years, she has been teaching at I.S. 318, where she is a full-time dance education teacher. It took a decade of work, but worth every second. Paula is grateful for the education she received from St. Joseph's, which made her be a leader and share her accomplishments of bringing the arts to hundreds of children that would have never received it otherwise.

Best wishes to **Matthew Colson '02 (L.I.)**, who was named executive director of alumni relations at Stony Brook University in July 2012. Matthew had served as director of alumni relations and stewardship at St. Joseph's Long Island Campus since 2006.

**Cheryl L. Kurz '02** has been working at St. Lucy's Parish in the Bronx for the past 10 years. She earned her M.S. in secondary education from Mercy College in 2007.

**Maggie Ramos '02** is a proud mom to Amaya, born in 2008.

**Chirley Ventura Irace '04** and Paul Irace wed last October. Paul is an



assistant district attorney in the Bronx. They reside in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

**Terri-Ann Santana-Farrugia '05 (L.I.)** became a senior accountant for Garden City-based accounting firm Armao, Costa and Ricciardi. She previously held the position of auditor of the Hauppauge firm of Wagner and Zwerman. Terri-Ann resides in Sayville with her husband, Keith, and their twin sons, James and Michael. James is studying criminal justice and Michael is a certified chef who is studying media arts. The family also includes Max, an 11-year-old shepherd/terrier mix, and 10-year old-cat Ginger.

**Kathleen Mazza '06 (L.I.)** has been accepted to the Ph.D. program in information studies at Long Island University.

**Christina Michalek Colella '07** was married in July 2011.

**Jessica Kessler '07** was married on June 30, 2012.

**Deva Ramlal '07** is engaged to Shafeek Karamat; they plan to wed in September 2012.

**Marisa Turzo '07** married Jonathan Barraca in July 2011. Marisa has been teaching with the New York City Department of Education for the past five years.

**Steven Maieli '09 (L.I.)** was a member of the U.S. Air Force from 1999-2003. He earned a master's degree in school counseling while studying abroad in Rwanda and Tanzania. Steven currently works for the New York State Department of Labor as a veterans employment counselor, and is the founder of a resource website [www.transitioningveteran.com](http://www.transitioningveteran.com), which helps veterans make the transition from military to civilian life. He continues to share his life after the military through his blog: [www.transitioningveteran.com/wordpress](http://www.transitioningveteran.com/wordpress) to inspire other veterans to go to school and overcome the obstacles when parting from the military. Steven was invited to join the John P. Jennings Advisory Panel and present his website



**Singer/songwriter Andy Grammer kicks off the summer with a performance at the Long Island Campus' Gregg Alfano Field on May 31.**

to state Sen. Lee Zeldin. He has also written film reviews for producers for independent films based on the military, and work with numerous veteran organizations on Long Island.

**Christopher Replak '09 (L.I.)** was recently promoted to store manager of TD Bank in Shirley. The Farmingville resident is a notary public and a member of the Shirley Chamber of Commerce.

## 2010s

**John Clennan '10 (L.I.)** was named a delegate to the Republican National Convention by the Ron Paul 2012 Presidential Campaign Committee. Mr. Clennan resides in Centereach.

## In Memoriam

### Alumni

Marie Keegan '29  
Rita J. Morris '36  
Dorothy Rochford Duffy '37  
Violet Trully Kane '38  
Helen Stroppel Lazzaro '38  
Dorothea Lennon '38  
Rita McGovern Root '38  
Anna Sullivan '40  
Margaret McDerby Shea '41  
Anne Glover Chao '43  
Teresa Kane Corsa '45  
Elizabeth A. Dudley '45  
Eugenia Jean Urbanek '45  
Anna M. Bier '46  
Helen F. Lynch '46  
Sister Katherine Gee '47

Elizabeth Manning '48  
Joan Downs Sclafani '48  
Edith T. Reed '49  
Gertrude Haffey Rooney '50  
Rita Dorgler Bartscherer '51  
Ellen Heffron Walsh '51  
Clara Sciutto Cannavo '55  
Mary Conklin McCarthy '61  
Shirley Mabray '78  
Gertrude Ring '78  
Flora Hessling '87  
Samantha Ashley Liberti '12

### Friends and Family

Lena Bagnini, mother of  
Anne Bagnini Alpert '62  
Donald Barton, husband of  
Catherine St. John Barton '69  
Martin Fetherson, husband of  
Catherine Regan Fetherson '60  
William Kolb, husband of  
Constance Aievoli Kolb '62  
Martin McDonnell, husband of  
Anne Catherine Gaffney  
McDonnell '67  
Elizabeth Mulligan, mother of  
Anne Mulligan '75  
Paul Raeder, husband of  
Frances Kurzziel Raeder '52  
Ida Stanganelli, mother of  
Carolyn Barnett '84, senior lecturer  
in the child study department  
Melvin, grandson of  
Cynthia Collier '05 ■

Robert Ansler



# ALUMNI FALL LUNCHEON



## The Harmonie Club

4 East 60th Street  
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**Saturday, October 20, 2012**

Cocktails – noon  
Luncheon – 1 p.m.

Chair

Antonia Bartoloma Mohan '69

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# Spring Reunion Weekend

April 20-21, 2012



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Recent graduates at the Hudson Terrace rooftop reception on April 20.



Class of 1967 (45th anniversary)



Class of 1962 (50th anniversary)



Class of 1972 (40th anniversary)





Alumnae Doris Blewett Allyn '46; S. Mary Florence Burns '46, C.S.J.; Mary Flanagan Rigaut '47; and Marie Mallon McCormack '47 with St. Joseph's College President S. Elizabeth A. Hill '64, C.S.J., J.D.



Class of 1992 (20th anniversary)



Class of 1987 (25th anniversary)



Class of 1952 (60th anniversary)



# EVENTS CALENDAR

Fall 2012

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## SEPTEMBER

- 22 Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Series**  
Ceramics (Part I), 10 a.m., L.I. Campus  
Collage and assemblage, 10:30 a.m., Brooklyn Campus
- 22 Alumni Soccer Game**  
11 a.m. at the L.I. Campus athletic complex
- 24 Founders Day Lecture: Deborah Meier**  
4:30 p.m. in Tuohy Hall Auditorium  
Brooklyn Campus
- 29 Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Series**  
Ceramics (Part II), 10 a.m., L.I. Campus
- 29 A Day at the Races Luncheon**  
Noon at Belmont Park, Elmont

## OCTOBER

- 4 Alumni Wine Tasting**  
6 p.m. at Brooklyn Oenology Winery (BOE)  
Williamsburg
- 5 Golden Eagles Athletic Hall of Fame**  
6 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. induction ceremony  
John A. Danzi Athletic Center, L.I. Campus
- 6 Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Series**  
Ceramics (Part III), 10 a.m., L.I. Campus
- 13 Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Series**  
Wood-oven pizza making  
10 a.m. at Hayground School, Bridgehampton
- 19 Variety Show (co-sponsored by the  
Office of Alumni Relations)**  
7 p.m. in D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, L.I. Campus
- 20 Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Series**  
Sweet and savory pie making  
10 a.m. at Hayground School, Bridgehampton
- 20 Alumni Fall Luncheon**  
Noon at The Harmonie Club  
4 East 60th Street, Manhattan
- 20 Make a Difference Day**  
Alumni volunteer opportunities across Long Island  
For more information, contact  
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- 21 2012 Making Strides Against  
Breast Cancer Walk**  
9 a.m. at Jones Beach State Park
- 27 Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Series**  
Yoga, 10:30 a.m., L.I. Campus

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# NOVEMBER

- 1 Alumni Entrepreneurs On the Move**  
Panel discussion  
6 p.m. in the McGann Conference Center, L.I. Campus
- 1 Brooklyn Voices: Sapphire**  
6:30 p.m. in Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn Campus
- 3 Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Series**  
Yoga, 10:30 a.m., L.I. Campus
- 3 Alumni Memorial Mass**  
11 a.m. at Kennedy Chapel  
followed by lunch in the Parlors, Brooklyn Campus
- 4 St. Joseph's College Long Island  
Campus Open House**  
Alumni interested in volunteering  
should contact Paige Napoli Carbone '02 at  
pcarbone@sjcny.edu or 631.687.2653.
- 8 30th Annual Scholarship Gala**  
6 p.m. at Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury
- 10 Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Series**  
Yoga, 10:30 a.m., L.I. Campus
- 15 Graduate School Fair**  
Noon-2 p.m. in the McGann Conference Center  
L.I. Campus

# DECEMBER

- 7 East vs. West Game**  
Long Island vs. Brooklyn  
L.I. Campus
- 14 Home for the Holidays UA  
and SGA Reunion**  
6 p.m. in the Parlors, Tuohy Hall, Brooklyn Campus
- 14 Christmas Cookies & Milk With Santa**  
Followed by Christmas Gala concert  
6 p.m., L.I. Campus

## TRAVEL IN 2013



### Peru

January 8-16, 2013

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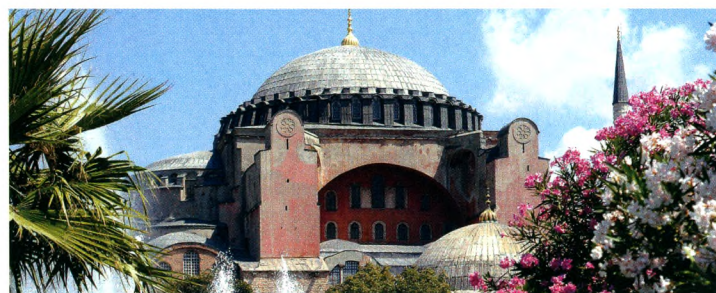


### Vietnam and Cambodia

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### Turkey: Footsteps of St. Paul

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